

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship
Pews with cushions are available for seating.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God be thanked for mothers; for their revelations of Thee in willingness to pour out blood of body and soul for us. God be merciful to mothers; that they may see of the travail of their hearts and be satisfied in strong and gracious sons and daughters. God be merciful to mothers, who are mothers in yearning only. Give them a spiritual motherhood in mothering the motherless everywhere, and may they find surcease in Thee, O Answerer of prayer. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Two Pieces" Théodore Dubois
The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

GREETING Dr. Goyer
Minister: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT - "Blessed be his glorious name for ever"George Thalben-Ball
Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen, Amen.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**Mrs. Cobbs
Minister: Jesus said,
People: **"You did not choose me, but I chose you."**
Minister: This is his commandment,
People: **"that we love one another as he loved us."**
Minister: Let us worship the Lord! *John 15:12*

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15** - "All Creatures of Our God and King"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN (*sing verses 1, 2, 3, & 6*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: **Great and loving God, you will for us the peace and joy of Christ given to us in the abiding gift of your Spirit. May it gather us like a mother hen, calm our troubled hearts, dispel our lingering fears, keep us steadfast in love, fuel our faith, and forgive our stupid and self-centered sins. In the name of Jesus, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

MOMENT FOR MISSIONMargaret Cobbs

SENIOR AND SENIOR ACOLYTE RECOGNITION (*eleven o'clock*)
Rev. Seamon, Mrs. Dukes

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Goyer

MORNING LESSON - John 15:9-17
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN 44 - "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" AUSTIN

SERMON - I CALL YOU MY FRIENDS.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Seamon
**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH

- * The Prayer of Dedication
The Offertory Anthem – "How beautiful upon the mountains" and
"God so Loved the World"

John Stainer
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God
reigneth. *Isaiah 52:7*

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth
in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son
into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be
saved. *John 3:16-17*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

The Sending

- * HYMN 833 - "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET
- * CHARGE
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Fanfare".....Kenneth Leighton

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please contact us for more information: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or spulliam@ipc-usa.org and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica and James Cooper Halbleib. THE ROSE in the Children's Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth on April 12, 2021, of Harrison Miller Bowman, son of Kayla Bowman and Jonathan Bowman. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glen W. Bishop, Trooper, 12th U.S. Cavalry; killed in action in the Philippines on March 9, 1945; and in loving memory of William Ezra Lucas, Lieutenant (junior grade), U.S. Navy Avenger pilot on the U.S.S. Ranger during World War II; uncles of Scott Gilpin and his wife, Susan Gilpin.

WELCOME REV. KEVIN J. LONG: IPC joyfully announces its eighth pastor and head of staff in our church's 105-year history. Our congregation unanimously voted Sunday, May 2, to extend a call to Rev. Long. Following the vote, he and his family were introduced to the congregation amid enthusiastic and warm applause and greeted at a reception held in their honor. Learn more about Rev. Long and his family at ipc-usa.org. We offer a heartfelt thank you to IPC's Pastor Nominating Committee. The committee's deep love for IPC and its commitment to prayerfully and diligently work together led us to Rev. Long as our next pastor.

A NEW COFFEE HOUR is now held in the cloister of the church each Sunday following the 8:45 am service. We welcome anyone who wants to come to the church between 9:45 - 10:45 am for coffee and fellowship. We look forward to these opportunities to reconnect with one another!

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, at 4:00 pm for a Choral Evensong with the IPC Choir. The service includes music by David Hogan, T. Tertius Noble, William Smith, and William Byrd. Rev. David Seamon will be the Officiant and Cantor.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER: Adult volunteers are needed at this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Bibletimes Marketplace (BTMP). VBS will be held in the Day School Classrooms May 17-20 from 9 am to noon. If you can help at VBS, please email Caroline Benefield at caroline.hughes22@gmail.com with your availability that week. BTMP will be held at the Children's Fresh Air Farm June 7-11 from 9 am to 2 pm. If you can help at BTMP, please contact Rollins Thorpe at rollinsthorpe@gmail.com. You do not need to have a child attending VBS or BTMP to serve as a volunteer; all are welcome to join us.

2021 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Join IPC for Women's Connection in Montreat, NC, August 12-15. Register online at ipc-usa.org by June 1 to reserve a spot with the group attending from IPC. Please contact Cathy Delozier at cathy@sowowme.com with any questions about the trip.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Rolla Earl "Reb" Beck III and Betsy Pless.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Dr. Louise Elaine Hoover and Samuel Charles Matthews.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mrs. Betty A. Kesmodel, and Mr. Frank L. "Bud" VanDeman III. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In celebration of JD and Hollie Tyler.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Mrs. Susan Dukes, Youth Ministries Coordinator
Mrs. Margaret Cobbs, Chair of CFAF Subcommittee
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir
The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolytes: (*eleven o'clock*) Ernest Hugh Cowart, Jr.; James Barritt Spencer;
Helen Dade Walthall

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