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Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Give us peace, O God of peace. Give us mutual consideration on the basis of peace. May we understand one another, may we be friends. Allay suspicion and fear. Teach us that we grow strong by strengthening every other.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless"Johann Sebastian Bach
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.

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Clayton

Minister: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Minister: When I sought the Lord, he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord our God.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord! *Psalm 34:2-4, 8*

* SILENT PROCESSION

* HYMN 53 - "O God, Who Gives Us Life"NOEL

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **O God, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning; the pride that dares not admit it is wrong; the self that can see nothing but its own will; the self-righteousness that knows no fault, save in others; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that does not regret its own sins; the evasion that constantly makes excuses; the heart that is too hardened to repent. Grant, O Lord, that we may be forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON (*from the Land of Rest service*).....arr. Richard Proulx



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

***THE PEACE**

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.
Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM.....
Mrs. Goudreau

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Colossians 3:12-15 (Pew Bible, p. NT201)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 445** - "God, How Can We Forgive"LEONI
During the singing of this hymn, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

SECOND LESSON - Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5,10; 4:1-4 (Pew Bible, p. OT859-861)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - THE SCANDAL OF GRACE.....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

* NICENE CREED.....Rev. Clayton

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds".....SCHUMANN

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Kyrie" from *Requiem*..... Louis Vierne
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.
prayer from the Ordinary of the Mass

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Seamon

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (all singing) arr. Richard Proulx

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (all singing) arr. Richard Proulx

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The minister continues in prayer.

AMEN (all singing) arr. Richard Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"God so loved the world" Bob Chilcott
Janet Ort, *Soprano*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

"Who can measure heaven and earth?" David Evans

Who can measure heaven and earth? God was present at their birth; who can number seeds or sands? every grain is in his hands: through creation's countless days every dawn sings out his praise. Who can tell what wisdom brings, first of all created things? One alone is truly wise, hidden from our earthbound eyes: knowledge lies in him alone--God, the Lord upon the throne! Wisdom in his plans he laid, planted her n all he made; granted her to humankind, sowed her truth in every mind: but with richest wisdom blessed those who love him first and best. Wisdom gives the surest wealth, bring her children life and health; teaches us to fear the Lord, marks a universe restored: heaven and earth she will outlast--happy those who hold her fast!

Christopher Idle, based on Ecclesiasticus I

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 475 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Fit Us for Perfect Rest Above" Healy Willan

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

THE FLOWERS in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rosamond Glover Riley. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralls McKinnley Coston, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army WWII; grandfather of Jim Walker.

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL LITURGICAL PRACTICES, the Sunday worship services during Lent will change slightly to observe this most penitential season. The choir will process silently, the *Gloria Patri* will be omitted, and the postlude will take on a more reflective nature. Another way the nature of Lent is observed is by the use of the plain brass cross on the Communion Table. These few changes are meant to help make your observance of Lent more meaningful so that the glorious nature of Easter will be even more bountiful in your life.

MAKE A SPLASH FOR THE CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: The Pool House at the Farm has served its purpose since the 1950s and we need your support to complete improvements and a redesign. Thanks to the generosity of early donors, we are nearly halfway to our fundraising goal of \$600,000. Please consider how you can give to bring new life to the Farm now and for generations to come. To give online, text POOL to (205) 927-3100 & follow the step-by-step instructions, or watch your mail for a packet with more information about our fundraising campaign.

JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD after the 11 am worship service each Sunday, February 26 through Palm Sunday on April 2, for cookies and punch and an opportunity to reconnect with your IPC family. You can also register for Lenten Chapel and Lunch.

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS AND SHRED DOCUMENTS for free with Protec on Tuesday, March 7, in the parking lot at 12 pm - 5 pm. Optional hard drive destruction (\$10) and TV recycling (\$20; one person carry) require a fee (cash or card). For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES with an Easter Memorial donation. Your contribution provides lilies and greenery for the Sanctuary and Highland Hall for IPC's Easter services. To ensure the names of your loved ones are included in the Easter bulletin, please visit us online at ipc-usa.org/connect or pick up an envelope from the Window or at the receptionist desk and return it by Monday, March 20.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12: Focus on Faith guest speaker Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Tewell will preach at both morning services and speak during the Sunday School hour. A champion of social justice throughout his career, Dr. Tewell is a graduate of Princeton Seminary and received a Doctorate of Ministry from Drew Theological Seminary. With IPC's own founding commitment to social justice, we invite you to join us to hear his message.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE: Registration is now open to IPC members. VBS is May 22-25 at IPC for completed 2's-5K. BTMP is June 6-10 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for completed K-5th. Youth (completed 6th-12th grade) can sign up to be a Tribal Assistant. Find more details and register at ipc-usa.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Siera Abbott	Cheri Prater
Morgan Cole	MK Quinlan
Clay Morrison	Paul Quinlan
Molly Morrison	Jessica Williamson
Alan Prater	Millard Williamson

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Mrs. Catherine Goudreau, Director of the Children's Fresh Air Farm
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolytes: (8:45) Mary Hanson Borders, Sarah Elizabeth Cowart,
Margaret McClain Robinson
(11:00) Katherine Evans Austin, Laura Elizabeth Donovan,
Stephen Christopher Tribble

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