

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

*Minds, hearts, hands and voices in Christ*



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Service and Message by: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Elder Betsy Christensen

We request that you silence all electronic devices **before** service begins.

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Sunday, June 27, 2021

10:30 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**Alaine Bolton, Director of Music**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elder Betsy Christensen**

**CHORAL INTROIT (2x)**

## As We Gather in This Place

Gathering

Words and music by  
Kevin Boyd

The musical score is written on three staves in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "As we gath-er in this place We have come to seek your face. May our lives re - flect your grace As we gath-er in this place." The chords are: D, Dmaj7, Em, A, D, F#m, Bm, Bm/A, Em, A, G, D.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

**Elder Betsy Christensen**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**God's mercies are everlasting.**

They are new every morning.

**Great is God's faithfulness.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

**Elder Betsy Christensen**

**O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ**

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**Elder Betsy Christensen**

Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Elder Betsy Christensen**

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fever. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus.

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

**PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* THE RESPONSE #288

**Spirit of the Living God**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please pass the peace with friends and loved-ones).*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

**Sacrament of Baptism - Jon-Paul Rily Raghunandan**

**THE PRESENTATION**

*Minister:*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

*Clerk of Session:*

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of you calling,  
**One Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

*Minister:*

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

*Clerk of Session:*

On behalf of the session, I present Jon-Paul, child of Paul and Sheryl, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Minister:*

Do you desire that Jon-Paul be baptized?

*Parents:*

**We do.**

*Minister:*

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

*Parents:*

**We do.**

*Minister to sponsors (Josh and Davina)*

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Jon-Paul to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Sponsors:*

**We will.**

*Minister to the congregation:*

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jon-Paul by word and deed, with love and prayer?

*Congregation:*

**We do.**

*Minister:*

Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

*Congregation:*

**We will.**

*Minister to the children in the congregation:*

Today, we celebrate that Jon-Paul is becoming part of our church family. We are all God's children. These questions are for the children of the church.

Will you help Jon-Paul remember that God loves him and we love him?

*Children:*

**We will.**

*Minister:*

Will you share the stories of Jesus with Jon-Paul?

*Children:*

**We will.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Minister:*

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

*Minister to Parents:*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

*Parents:*

**We do.**

*Minister:*

Who is your Lord and Savior?

*Parents:*

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

*Minister:*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

*Parents:*

**We will, with God's help.**

*Minister to congregation:*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

*Congregation:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Minister:*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*Congregation:*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Minister:*

Do you believe in God the Spirit?

*Congregation:*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jon-Paul, that he may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.

## **THE BAPTISM**

*Minister:*

Jon-Paul Rily, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

*Minister:*

O Lord, uphold Jon-Paul by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Jon-Paul, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **WELCOME**

*Clerk of Session:*

Jon-Paul, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

*Congregation:*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Clerk of Session:*

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.

*Congregation:*

**Amen.**

*Minister:*

The peace of Christ be with you.

*Congregation:*

**And also with you.**

Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Psalms 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### **Mark 5:21-43**

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**THE MESSAGE**

**The True Healing in Christ**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

**\*HYMN #178**

**The Woman Hiding in the Crowd**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE 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 forever, Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

**\*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #365 What Shall I Render to the Lord"  
(vs. 1)**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

**How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit, who fills us with patience and generosity and genuine love. We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully in ministry to the world. In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #716**

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (2x)**

# As You Travel from This Place

Departing/Benediction

Words and Music by  
Jim Strathdee

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is accompanied by chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "As you travel from this place our love is with you, When your journey near at hand or far a broad. All the life we've shared together will continue, As you grow in the knowledge, learn of the wisdom, and live in the spirit of our God."

(A) D A  
As you trav - el from this place our love is

Bm Em Bm  
with you, When you jour - ney near at hand or far a -

A F#m F#m7  
broad. All the life we've shared to - geth - er will con -

Bm7 Em7 A  
tin - ue, As you grow in the know - ledge,

G A Em7 A D (A)  
learn of the wis - dom, and live in the spir - it of our God.

## THE POSTLUDE

### Friendly Reminders

Church Office open Monday-Friday, 9am to 1 pm  
(Note: Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
(Coverage will be provided)

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Tuesdays at 2 pm

Wednesdays – Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 11 am

Thursday Congregational Call  
Every Thursday at 11 am

Sunday Bible Study

9:00 am

Session 'in person' meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, in person,  
except for July.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 am

Divine Worship: In sanctuary and on Facebook Livestream  
10:30 am