July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** 

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Peter Wilhousky

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit

**†**CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 48

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

All: We dwell on his steadfast love.

One: His name reaches to the ends of the earth.

All: This is our God, forever and ever.

One: He will be our guide forever.

All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

† HYMN God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand #331, vv. 1-3

### **†**Prayer of Confession

God of us all, you call us to be of one heart and mind. You call us to be in one accord; but our opinions are immoveable and our need to be right, unwavering. Forgive us, Lord, for putting our own needs before all others. By the power of your Spirit, help us to fulfill our calling. Send us out with good news so that all who know us might know you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### ♦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending.

All: Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**†**RESPONSE *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* 

#331, v.4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way Lead us from night to never-ending day Fill all our lives with love and grace divine And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine

# **†**PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

## And also with you.

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

# **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 50:15-21

p. 48 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Canticle of Hope

Joseph Martin

Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor.
A sure defender, you are our refuge.
You are the giver, you are Jehovah.
You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness.

Lord, you are God in the time of our distress.

We call on you, our sure salvation.

Lord, you are faithful.

You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness.
Lord, you are God. You wipe away each tear.
You hear our every prayer. You give us comfort.
You touch our hearts and calm our fears.
You are eternal, Alpha, Omega.
We place our hope in you alone.

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.

Lord, you are God. In our darkness you are everlasting light.

A sure defender, you are our refuge.

You are the giver. You are Jehovah.

You are the God who restores.

Great is Thy Faithfulness!

You are the God who restores.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:36-16:10

p. 135 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn This I

This Is My Song

#340

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

**†**HYMN OF SENDING

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

#338

**†**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**♦**POSTLUDE

Fantasia on O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

arr. Stultz