



**All:** Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors, but slow to help with their own, keeping score as if our salvation depended on it. And in spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God. Remind us when we forget that we are saved through faith in you. Help us serve you with humility and joy. Amen.

**Promise of the Gospel**

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

**One:** Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

**All:** This is the good news of the gospel: by grace we have been saved. We are a new creation made alive in Christ. Alleluia. Amen!

**Passing of the Peace**

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

**One:** As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

**\* Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Special Music**

*The Church's One Foundation*

arr. Jason Krug

PCO Handbell Choir

Directed by Irene Shutt

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

God of light and darkness, God of joy and sorrow, we thank you for your presence in all that lives. Guide us this morning as we hear about the paradoxes that are at the heart of our lives and faith. Give us the wisdom and strength to hold opposing ideas in tension with one another and the courage to transform our deepest sorrow into a creative offering of our joy. Amen.

**Scripture**

Mark 4:21-34

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Sermon**

*Together for Joy: On Joy and Sorrow*

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Special Music**

*God Is Our Refuge*

Allen Pote

PCO Chancel Choir

Mark Davis and Joshua Harris, trumpet

**Minute for Stewardship**

David Horner

**Offering** Pastor Lisa Schrott  
**Invitation**  
**Offertory** Chorale Prelude on *Ein Feste Burg* Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg  
**\*Doxology #606**  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer and Roll Call of the Saints** Pastor Lisa Schrott and  
Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

**The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."**

**\* Hymn #611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, vs. 1-3  
[Hymn to Joy]

**\* Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude** Voluntary on *Hymn to Joy* Michael Burkhardt  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**Education Time:** *Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 1* We will consider ways we as individuals and as a church can respond to gun violence in our community. We will watch a portion of the documentary "*Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*" produced by the Presbyterian Disaster Agency. This award-winning 2012 film focuses on gun violence and community response.

**Next Week's Education Time:** *Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 2*

**Next Week's Scripture:** Psalm 98:7-9

**Ushers:** *Sue Cobbett, Jennifer Gordon, Sally Belloli*

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** *Thank you to the Schabergs for preparing the coffee and to the Thornburgs for bringing snacks.*

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