

Leader: Remind us, O God,
that when you dreamt up the world,
you imagined us living together, united and interdependent,
and ever resilient to love and serve you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON – Lord, have Mercy

RESPONDING TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS, *responsively*

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! - 1 Timothy 1:15

(Stand for the singing of the Gloria Patri and the Passing of the Peace.)

* GLORIA PATRI, *sing all together*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(All be seated.)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (TWYD)

Dr. Tim Runge

*(Children in grades K-3 are invited to the East Classroom following TWYD
for a lesson on Learning to Worship.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:43-47, New Revised Standard Version

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM – You Are Mine

David Haas/Mark Hayes

SERMON – Life is Difficult

Rev. David J. Hanna

(Stand for the singing of the Hymn and the Affirmation of Faith.)

* HYMN 754, *sing all together* – Help Us Accept Each Other

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *all together*

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.**

**We are free to live our lives within the purpose of God:
to develop and protect resources for common welfare
and to work for justice and peace in society.**

**God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives:
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.**

Already God’s reign is present in the world, stirring hope in us.

**With an urgency born of this hope,
we apply ourselves to present tasks and strive for a better world.**

-from The Confession of 1967

(All be seated.)

CALL TO OFFERING, *responsively*

Leader: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

All: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-Matthew 6:19-20

OFFERING ANTHEM – Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

arr. David Giardinieri

(Stand for the singing of the Doxology and the Prayer of Dedication.)

- * DOXOLOGY, *sing all together*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All be seated.)

PRAYERS OF THANKS AND CONCERN

LORD’S PRAYER, *all together*

**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.**

(Stand for the singing of the Hymn and remain standing.)

- * HYMN 772, *sing all together* – Live into Hope

- * BENEDICTION

- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE – Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

- * POSTLUDE – Postlude

V. Engel

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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

COVID Update and CDC Recommendations

- Wearing masks reduces the risk of becoming infected or transmitting the virus to others.
- The CDC recommends **unvaccinated people** wear masks.
- In areas with substantial and high transmission, the CDC recommends that **fully vaccinated people** wear masks in public, indoor settings to help prevent the spread of the virus and protect others.
- The CDC defines “substantial transmission” as counties with 50 to 100 cases per 100,000 residents over a seven-day period, and “high transmission” is more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over seven days.
- We are still learning about the Omicron variant, but preliminary studies indicate that boosters are helpful in protecting.

As of Tuesday, January 11, **Indiana County had 919** cases per 100,000 people over seven days.