

**Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving
Procession of the Pipes
Independent Presbyterian Church
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O Holy One, who sang the universe into being, everything in creation can offer you praise and thanksgiving. We gather here today as your people, and our praises join with the heavenly choirs and the music of the spheres as we offer you our grateful praise. Here us as we pray:

We offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O God, for your gracious love and mercy toward us, for your generous gift of all that is good and beautiful and joyful in our lives:

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

For the gift of artisans and craftspeople who have labored with skill, dedication and love to fashion the various parts of this organ that it might bring praise and adoration to you, that the music it makes might give you all honor and glory; for all who have labored in its construction, and will labor in its installation and voicing; for the artistry and skill represented here, we offer you our thanks and praise;

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

For the generosity of the faithful who have given of their material resources to fund this new organ, the Joseph W. Schreiber Memorial Organ; who have given of their bounty, not for personal recognition but for your praise and glory, hear our prayers praise and thanksgiving;

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

For all who will play this organ for generations to come, with skill and artistry, with dedication and faithfulness; for all who will sing to the music that is made; may this instrument encourage our praise and lift our singing to your throne as faithful prayers in times of joy and in times of sorrow; may we praise you, O God, with trumpet sound; may we praise you with strings and pipes;

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

May all who worship in this sacred space in years to come feel the vitality of your presence among them; feel your grace and love and power in the majesty of this space and in the majesty of the music that is made by this new organ; may all our voices join together with the voice of this instrument to offer you our praise and thanksgiving;

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And so, Holy God of all creation, of all that is good and beautiful and worthy; bless these pipes and pedals, these swells and stops; these trumpets and trombones; these wind chests and woodwinds; the console and casings; all of this glorious artistry; may it be dedicated to your glory and honor and praise this day and for all the days to come; may the life of this organ and may all of our lives be dedicated to your praise and glory;

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

**And so, "May every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen."**