

**The Church Responds**

**\*The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (In Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People and 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.

**A Minute for Stewardship**

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #261 "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living" (Sing to the Lord)**

Christ is risen, Christ is living. Dry your tears; be unafraid.  
Death and darkness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.  
Do not look among the dead for One who lives forevermore.  
Tell the world that Christ is risen; Make it known He goes before.

If the Lord had never risen, We'd have nothing to believe.  
But His promise can be trusted: "You will live because I live."  
As we share the death of Adam, So in Christ we live again.  
Death has lost its sting and terror; Christ the Lord has come to reign.

Death has lost its old dominion; Let the world rejoice and shout!  
Christ, the firstborn of the living, Gives us life and leads us out.  
Let us thank our God who causes Hope to spring up from the ground.  
Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Postlude ~ ~ ~ ~ ~**

**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**April 26, 2020**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 AM**

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

**The Introit and Time of Centering #244 "This Joyful Eastertide" (Glory to God)**

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen.

**The Call to Worship**

Leader 1: Come and hear the good news of Jesus Christ!

**Leader 2: We thought he was dead, but he is risen!**

Leader 1: He lives and walks among us!

**Leader 2: O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing;**

Leader 1: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

**Leader 2: May we worship you with great gladness.**

Leader 1: May we offer you our hearts and praise.

Both: Let us worship God!

**The Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Loving God, your Son made himself known to his first disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith so that we may recognize Christ's presence among us. Open our ears to your Word so that we may receive new understanding. Open our hearts to your Spirit so that we may joyfully and courageously follow where Christ leads. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #262 "He Lives" (Sing to the Lord)**

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

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*Refrain:*

*He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!*

In all the world around me, I see His loving care;  
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

*Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

*Refrain*

**The Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

**Loving God, we gather to praise you, grateful that your arms are open wide in welcome. In the security of your embrace, we confess that we do not deserve such warmth or acceptance. We have let you down in so many ways. We've failed to reflect your goodness in the words we have spoken, in the actions we have taken, in the many ways we have made ourselves the center of our world. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember every minute of every day that we are loved by you, called by you, belong to you. Help us to respond to you with joy. Help us to serve you with glad and willing hearts, through the grace of Christ. Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**Musical Response**

"Gloria Patri"

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.

**The Church in Proclamation**

**The Scripture Readings**

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Leader: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**Special Music**

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"  
Deanna Golden, Vocalist, and Melinda Ripper, Pianist

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #584**

"Abide With Me"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my Guide and Stay can be?  
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

**The Sermon**

"On the Road"

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #252**

"The Day of Arising"

*(Glory to God)*

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
Unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
And bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
Blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
Yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
Our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
That all creation with you may rise.