

### 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 #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" *(Presby Hymnal)*

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found;

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

#### The Benediction

#### The Postlude

## Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

#### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

#### The Introit and Time of Centering #2172 "We Are Called"

*(Sing the Faith)*

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and know us.

People: **You know when we sit down  
and when we rise;**

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.

People: **Even before the words are on our tongues,  
O Lord, you know them completely.**

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit?

People: **Where can we flee from your presence?**

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, you are there;

People: **If we make our bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: If we take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: **Even there your hand shall lead us,  
and your right hand shall hold us fast.  
Let us worship God!**

*(Portions of Psalm 139, adapted)*

#### The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are ready to seek them. You are more willing to give that we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*The Opening Hymn #489 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *(Presby Hymnal)*

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also down to me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;  
To my heart O enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

### The Prayer of Confession

**People:** Lord, at times we feel lost and weary and anxious.

Assurance: I have found you. Do not be afraid.

**People:** We confess, Lord, that sometimes we struggle  
to hear your voice or sense your care.

Assurance: Know that I am with you. Keep trusting. Keep listening.

**People:** We confess, Lord, that sometimes our actions and attitudes  
are out of sync with your will.

Assurance: Growth and transformation take time.  
Trust that I am at work in your lives.

**People:** We confess, Lord, that sometimes  
we know what is right but we don't do it.  
And sometimes, we do what we know is wrong.

Assurance: I know. I forgive you. Keep trying.

**People:** We confess, Lord, that sometimes we feel so small  
and the world's challenges seem so large,  
it's tempting to give up. What difference can we possibly make?

Assurance: You are the difference. You are my plan to love the world.

**People:** We confess, Lord, that sometimes we are not loving.

Assurance: Let my love flow through you.  
It will change you.  
It will change the world.

### 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

### Scripture Readings

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Special Music

"O Rest in the Lord"

Vocalist Deanna Golden and Pianist Melinda Ripper

### The Micro Message

### Musical Response #102

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me on to the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears And the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

### The Hymn #275

"God of Our Life"

*(Presby Hymnal)*

God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,

We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be Thou are guide.

With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,

And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow Thee;

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.

Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,

Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

## Scripture Readings

### Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder<sup>□</sup> set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him<sup>□</sup> and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed<sup>□</sup> in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel;

### Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 – 43

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of

them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn”. . .

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears<sup>□</sup> listen!”



Happy Birthday to:  
July 25 Chris Cotton



## Congregational Meeting Today

We will be electing new officers at a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship today. Please plan on staying. Thank you!