

The Installation of Officers

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The Hymn #780 "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" *(Sing to the Lord)*

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian, Wind-sped Flame and hov'ring Dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, Sign of blessing, pow'r of love:
Give to those who lead Your people Fresh anointing of Your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles To Your Church in ev'ry place.

Triune God, mysterious Being, Undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, Greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings Your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting May give glory to Your name.

A Minute for Stewardship

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

The Closing Hymn #2241 "The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve" *(Sing the Faith)*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Installation of Officers

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

The Call to Worship

Leader #1: The Kingdom of God is . . .

People: found in the most surprising places.

Leader #2: The Kingdom of God is . . .

**People: hidden in the common experiences
and everyday moments of life.**

Leader #1: The Kingdom of God is . . .

**People: at times small,
always precious.**

Leader #2: The Kingdom of God is . . .

**People: all around us and within us
here and now.**

All: Let us worship God, our Creator, Savior, Sustainer, King!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

God of yeast and mustard seeds, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for our lives. Speak to us in this time of worship and nurture the seeds of our faith. Grant us the grace to see more clearly and love more deeply. Grant us the courage to be your yeast in the world, leavening the darkness with your light and helping your truth, peace and hope to rise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #5** “God the Sculptor of the Mountains” *(Glory to God)*

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:
you are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to look at the world through your lens of grace, but so often our vision is limited by our own ideas and assumptions. We make snap judgments about individuals and groups. We reduce each other to stereotypes and squeeze each other into our own notions of age, gender, race, and wealth. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to appreciate the complexity and diversity of your beloved children. Open our eyes to see as you see. Open our hearts to love as you love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Scripture Readings

Genesis 29: 15 - 28

Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Flutist Deanna Golden and Pianist Melinda Ripper

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #771

“What Is the World Like”

(Glory to God)

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God’s will is done.

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.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 29: 15 – 28

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were lovely,^[b] and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.”¹⁹ Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.”²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.”²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?”²⁶ Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.”²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 – 52

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[d] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.



Happy Birthday to:

July 27	Larry Hindman
July 27	Kristen Mowery
July 28	Bill Douthett
July 28	Joe Ragan
July 30	Rob Eamigh
July 31	Dale Sherman
August 1	Kathy Ditch

Pastor Merry Away

Pastor Merry will be out of the pulpit for the next four weeks to self-quarantine and then spend some time with her mother. While she is away, Rev. Mary Kitchen will be available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Rev. Kitchen at 412-266-0930.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

STATEMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

To Deacons:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

To Elders:

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

To the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER

DECLARATION and CHARGE

