

## 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

Lori Love-Franke

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

## The Closing Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

*(Glory to God)*

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain:*

All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

*Refrain:*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally.

*Refrain:*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

*Refrain:*

## The Benediction

## The Postlude

# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

## The Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Introit and Time of Centering #467

"Give Us Light"

*(Glory to God)*

## The Call to Worship

Lori Love-Franke

Leader 1: Let us worship our God with songs of joy,  
For God is -

**Leader 2: Light, love, steadfast, eternal.**

Leader 1: Let us follow Jesus with open hearts,  
For Jesus is -

**Leader 2: God's light-bearer, God's love-bringer,  
God's face among us, God's grace made flesh.**

Leader 1: Let us live by the power of God's Holy Spirit,

**Leader 2: Shaping us to be ever more faithful.**

## The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you have heard our cries and sensed our distress. We are unable to lift ourselves up to you so you have come down to us in the person of your Son, our Savior. Through Christ, you open the way to new life and welcome us home to your heart. Lord, we thank you for your infinite grace. We thank you for your boundless mercy. We thank you for your amazing, eternal love. Amen.

## The Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

*(Glory to God)*

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain:*

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

**Loving God, you call us to lives of gratitude and hope but too often we exude negativity and doubt. We criticize and complain. We whine and blame. We grumble about each other. Sometimes we even grumble about you! Forgive us, Lord. Lift our eyes and open our hearts so that we may perceive your daily blessings. Help us to sense your loving presence. Help us to respond to your abundant grace with gratitude and joy. 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.

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **The Church in Proclamation**

Numbers 21: 4 – 9  
Ephesians 2: 1 – 10  
John 3: 14 – 21

### **Special Music**

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden  
Piano: Melinda Ripper

### **The Micro Message**

### **Musical Response #850** “In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness” *(Glory to God)*

In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,  
you, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:  
in your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own,  
evermore and evermore.

Though our world is everchanging, you are constant, firm, and sure,  
faithful to your covenant promise. Trusting you, we live, secure:  
singing praises, singing praises, long as heart and breath endure,

evermore and evermore.

Joy transforms our lips to boasting only in your matchless grace,  
sending Christ to dwell among us, Word made flesh in time and space:  
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior, in whose life we glimpse your face,  
evermore and evermore.

God of Hagar, God of Sarah, God of nomad Abraham;  
God of Miryam, God of Moses, Fiery Pillar, great I AM:  
Lead us homeward, lead us homeward, to the love-feast of the Lamb.  
evermore and evermore.

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

### **The Hymn #443**

“There Is a Redeemer”

*(Glory to God)*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.  
John 3: 14 – 21

### **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.**



## Scripture Readings

### Numbers 21: 4 – 9

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### Ephesians 2: 1 – 10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ<sup>[a]</sup>—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### John 3: 14 – 21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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## All in the Family

*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Radvinski family. Esther's aunt, Esther Hackwelder, died on Sunday, February 21, 2021.*

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### Happy Birthday

March 14  
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March 16

Susan Moon  
Susan Ragan  
Jim Judson

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