

## 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

Esther Radvinski

## The Church Goes Forth to Serve

### The Closing Hymn #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*(Glory to God)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### The Benediction

### The Postlude

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

W. Albright

# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

### The Prelude

"Adagio in E Major"

F. Bridge

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

R.V. Williams

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Introit and Time of Centering #4 "Glorify Thy Name"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

Vocalist: Holly Furman

Accompanist: Karen Krenitsky

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

### The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Our God is a God of mercy and love.

**Leader 2: Our God is a God of grace and forgiveness.**

Leader 1: In Christ, God's grace frees us  
from the shackles of sin and death.

**Leader 2: God's grace transforms our lives and liberates our spirits.**

Leader 1: Let us turn to God with open hearts.

**Leader 2: Let us worship God with joy and gladness.**

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

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us, not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. In Christ, you welcome us as we are. You forgive what we have been. You show us who we can be. Fill us with your power, Lord. Sweep over us with your Spirit and change us by your love, that we may worship you with joy and live to your glory always. Amen.

**The Hymn #321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*(Glory to God)*

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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

**O Lord of creation, we know that unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. We want to sprout, to grow, to produce an abundant harvest for you. Yet we are afraid to fall from our comfort, our security, our illusions of control; we are afraid to yield to the transformation you offer. Forgive us and lead us in your ways, O Lord. By your grace, empower us to bear the fruit of justice, kindness, mercy, and love, for the sake of your kingdom. 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**

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34  
 John 12: 20 – 33

**Special Music**

“Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law”

Vocalist: Holly Furman  
 Accompanist: Karen Krenitsky

**The Micro Message****Musical Response #171**

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

*(Glory to God)*

A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad:  
 his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God.  
 And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot.  
 But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.

A Sower walked throughout the land, and everywhere he trod,  
 he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God.

But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky,  
 they threw God’s Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.

The Seed was buried deep in death beneath a blood-red sky,  
 and deeper still was buried hope for those who watched him die.  
 But then, in Joseph’s garden fair, as dawn broke o’er the land,  
 the Seed, from three days’ silent sleep, awoke at God’s command!

O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.  
 As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,  
 implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,  
 until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundredfold.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #738**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*(Glory to God)*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
 tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
 teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me, thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way;  
 in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

## Scripture Readings

### Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### John 12: 20 – 33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.”



## Happy Birthday

March 21  
March 26  
March 26

Kyle Golden  
Scott Hazlett  
Paula Zdilla

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## Worship with Us This Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 1, the church will be open for people to move through a series of self-guided devotions at places throughout the sanctuary. (This will be similar to what we did a few years ago on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.) Folks will be able to drop in at their convenience, move through the sanctuary at their own pace, and remain for prayer as long as they like. The sanctuary will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 that Thursday. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please join us as we prayerfully reflect on the last hours of Jesus' earthly life and his journey to the cross.



### Remote Good Friday Service

On Friday, April 2, pastors and musicians from 7 area Presbyterian churches will lead a remote Good Friday Service. Though we will not be worshipping in person, we will be able to access the service on WBUT 1050 AM from noon to 1:00 pm, and through our website later that day.



### Easter Sunday Service

On Sunday, April 4, we'll be celebrating Jesus' resurrection at an outdoor service at Alameda Park. The service will be at 10:30 am at Pavilion #13. Masks and social distancing will be required. There are picnic tables at the pavilion but feel free to bring a comfy lawn chair and please dress for the weather.