

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 #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" *(Presby Hymnal)*

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

The Benediction

The Benediction Response and Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome
Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: There are times when following Christ almost seems too difficult.

Leader 2: **But he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.**

Leader 1: There are times when our fears and doubts drown out his voice.

Leader 2: **Lord, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.**

Sung Prayer #2214

"Lead Me, Guide Me"
Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Leader 1: Lord, take our hand and walk with us.

Leader 2: **Illuminate our darkness with your light.**

Leader 1: Help us to see your face, O Lord.

Leader 2: **Help us to receive your healing love.**

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for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
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The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us your way, revealed your truth, and offered us your everlasting life. In this time of worship, speak to us anew. Refocus our hearts and minds so that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #247 “Now the Green Blade Rises” *(Glory to God)*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we confess that we have lost our way. We have not followed in your footsteps; we have not embodied your love. Forgive us our distractions, Lord. Set our feet on your path once again. Empower us to follow where you lead, walking in your truth and bringing to light your life, 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

Acts 7:54 - 60

John 14: 1 - 14

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

Special Music

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

Musical Response #736

“I Want to Be as Close to You”

(Glory to God)

I want to be as close to you as she who gave you birth.
Christ Jesus, let my “yes,” like hers, bring blessings on our earth.

I want to be as close to you as Magdalene who went,
proclaiming news of death’s defeat, your first apostle sent.

You want to be as close to me as mother, brother, friend.
Christ, keep me faithful to your love, a love that has no end.

The Sermon

“Room for All”

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #527

“Near to the Heart of God”

(Presby Hymnal)

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.