

### 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 #359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" *(Presby Hymnal)*

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry My heart shall raise.  
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

#### The Benediction

#### The Benediction Response and Postlude

## Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2020

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

#### The Prelude

Welcome  
Announcements

#### The Introit and Time of Centering #320 "The Lone, Wild Bird" *(Presby Hymnal)*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

#### The Call to Worship

Leader 1: "If you love me" Jesus says.  
**Leader 2: We show that we do by loving.**  
Leader 1: "If you love me" Jesus says.  
**Leader 2: We show that we do by sharing.**  
Leader 1: "If you love me" Jesus says.  
**Leader 2: We show that we do by serving.**  
Leader 1: "If you love me" Jesus says.  
**Leader 2: We show that we do by worshipping.**  
Leader 1: Let us praise Christ with all our hearts!  
**Leader 2: Let us worship God with joy and gladness!**

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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Opening Hymn #376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *(Presby Hymnal)*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

**Loving God, you are the source of all creation, the maker of the world and all that is in it. Though you are never far from us, at times we feel like we are all alone. We can be too preoccupied to notice your presence. We can be so overwhelmed by fear and worry that we just don't see. Forgive us, Lord. Quiet our chattering minds and hearts so that we may sense your Spirit. Help us to notice the many ways you are at work in our lives. Help us to trust in your sustaining grace and steadfast care, through Jesus 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 17: 22 - 31

John 14: 15 – 24

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

**Special Music**

“Ride On King Jesus!”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #2119** “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;  
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.

There is comfort in life's darkest hour;  
there is light and life, there is help and power  
in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

**The Sermon**

“Christ's Parting Gift”

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #313**

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*(Presby Hymnal)*

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine  
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long  
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love creates a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.