

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 #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" *(Glory to God)*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

The Benediction

The Benediction Response and Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #340 "This Is My Song" *(Glory to God)*

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: This is the good news of God's love:
In Christ, God has conquered sin and death.

Leader 2: In Christ, God offers us new and abundant life.

Leader 1: We come to give God thanks.

Leader 2: We come to seek Christ's presence.

Leader 1: We come to offer ourselves in service.

Leader 2: Let us worship God.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Almighty, all-merciful Lord, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and last, our beginning and our end. Each day we receive is a gift from your hands. Each breath we take is a gift of your grace. Be with us now, as you have been with us every moment of our lives. Re-form us and renew us in this time of worship, so we may be one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #2221 “In Unity We Lift Our Song” *(Sing the Faith)*

In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who’ve shared with us our plight, who’ve held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

For stories told and told again to every generation,
to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.

For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we have neglected the work you entrust to us.
We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer,
and in our witness to your love for us and for the world. Forgive us, Lord. Fill
us with your Spirit and reignite our faith so that we may do your will and
embody your love, 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 1: 6 – 14 and John 17: 1 – 11
Leader: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Special Music “Revive Us Again!” Pianist: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

Musical Response #438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *(Presby Hymnal)*

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

The Sermon “Christ’s Prayer for Us” Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #669 “We are God’s People” *(Sing to the Lord)*

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand.
O let us live transparently, And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it—the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return The gift of love once giv’n.
O let us share each joy and care, And live with a zeal that pleases Heav’n.

We are a body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family—Diverse yet truly one.
O let us give our gifts to God, And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace.
We die alone, for on its own Each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on To give warmth and light, and to inspire.