

### 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

Dawn Grossman

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

#### The Closing Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *(Glory to God)*

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.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

#### The Benediction

#### The Postlude

## Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2020

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

#### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

#### The Introit and Time of Centering #795 "Healer of Our Every Ill" *(Glory to God)*

*Refrain:*

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

*Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.

*Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;

Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

*Refrain*

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ rest upon our busy lives and  
quiet us into prayer.

**People: May the grace of Christ fill our hearts and  
awaken us to God's presence.**

Leader: May the truth of Christ speak to us and  
open us to God's will.

**People: May the love of Christ strengthen us  
and set our hearts aflame.**

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

Gather us in your arms, O Lord, and kindle the love that fuels our life together. Empower us to serve and work as one, that we may be signs of your unifying love in our fractured and divided world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination and humor, and to counter discouragement with prayerful trust. So may your church bring forth your will and your reign. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *(Glory to God)*

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, never more 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)*

**Merciful God, you call us to know you, to love you, to serve you; yet we are often more focused on ourselves. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us Lord. Renovate our hearts and reorder our priorities so that your love may flow through us freely and generously. Transform our self-centered ways into self-giving lives of faithful service, 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**

**Scripture Readings**

Exodus 33:12 – 23

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

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

**Special Music**

“My Tribute”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #828** “More Love to Thee, O Christ” *(Glory to God)*

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 Sermon**

“Heart Rules”

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #729**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*(Glory to God)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.



## Update on PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Jim and Jodi McGill

Our October First Sunday Mission Offering goes to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of PCUSA mission co-workers Jim and Jodi McGill. A geological engineer, Jim works with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to provide clean water and sanitation to communities in rural Niger and South Sudan. Jim's wife Jodi is a nurse and public health educator. She is helping the EERN develop church-run health clinics and train students in its new nursing school. That work has been disrupted by Covid-19. Below are portions of several letters:

*"In the middle of March, PCUSA requested all mission personnel, if possible, to return to the U.S., but by the time we got the news, land and air borders in Niger were closed. The capital, Niamey, was suddenly locked down. . . . In April, the Niger U.S. Embassy organized one final repatriation flight. We had 24 hours to inform the Embassy if we planned to take the flight, and two days to prepare to leave. After many hours of prayer and conversations, our family, minus Jim, put our names on the list. Although we knew it was the right decision, we wish we could say we felt at peace. We didn't. The feelings were horrible—leaving work, school, friends, and colleagues without saying goodbye because of time and COVID restrictions—leaving Jim behind for an indeterminate amount of time so he could continue his COVID-19 prevention work, and feeling like we were abandoning everyone and everything we had been working towards. Following God doesn't always mean you like what you are being guided to do."*

As for Jim's work, while the pandemic disrupted all aspects of life, it provided opportunities to share Christ's presence with many Nigerians who normally would not interact with the church. Jim and the EERN trained community leaders in how to prevent the spread of the virus, produced and distributed water filters and hand washing stations, and distributed maize and rice to the most vulnerable members of communities, including families of day laborers who could not work during the crisis.

Stateside, Jodi continued her work virtually as a nurse educator at the nursing school in Niamey by preparing the curriculum for her courses. In August, the airport reopened and Jim was able to rejoin the family in Atlanta. They write, *"While it is wonderful to be together as a family again, it is difficult to be away from our brothers and sisters with whom we partner."*

To help ensure that partnership continues, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the McKee Memorial Fund. Thank you!

## Scripture Readings

### Exodus 33: 12 - 23

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

<sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

<sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD';<sup>[a]</sup> and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

## Matthew 22: 34 – 46

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

<sup>37</sup> He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah?<sup>[a]</sup> Whose son is he?”

They said to him, “The son of David.”

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”

<sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



*The flowers today are given by David and Bonnie Martin in memory of family and in honor of church family.*

Happy Birthday to Corky Mowery (Oct. 18)

### Sanctuary Open

The sanctuary will be open for prayer and silent meditation on Tuesday, September 20, from noon to 2:00 pm. The door at the corner of Jefferson and McKean Streets will be unlocked. Please feel free to drop in for some quiet time or just to say hello.



**Scottish Sunday Service**  
**October 25, 2020**  
**at Alameda Park**



This year, we'll be celebrating Scottish Sunday with an outdoor service at Alameda Park. Join us at the Pine Shelter at 10:30 am on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The service will include special music by our faithful piper Lars Morrison. Please dress for the weather and come!