

### 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

Lori Love-Franke

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

#### The Closing Hymn #2191 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" *(Sing the Faith)*

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain 'round,  
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

#### The Benediction

#### The Postlude

## Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

#### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

#### The Introit and Time of Centering

#470

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

*(Glory to God)*

*Refrain:*

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain:*

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain:*

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain:*

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.  
We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain:*

#### The Call to Worship

Lori Love-Franke

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all,  
And his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: Let us make known to all people God's wonderful deeds.

People: **Let us share with all people God's abundant love.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

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

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Gathering us in, you give us good work to do and daily bread to eat. You continue to surprise us with your boundless love and grace. Be with us in this time of worship. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may joyfully worship and work side by side with one another. Align us with your generous ways and help us to receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*The Opening Hymn #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *(Glory to God)*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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

Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done in the past. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others your blessings. We allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to seek your presence and trust your gracious provisions. Empower us to serve you generously and faithfully, 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 16: 2 – 15  
Matthew 20: 1 - 16  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God**

### Special Music

"Just Be Held"

Vocalist Deanna Golden

### The Micro Message

### Musical Response #703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" *(Glory to God)*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;  
care, anguish, sorrow melt away wher'er thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

### The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

### The Hymn #719

"Come, Labor On"

*(Glory to God)*

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, 'Well done, well done!'

# Scripture Readings

## Exodus 16: 2 - 15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?”<sup>[a]</sup> For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

## Matthew 20: 1 - 16

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage,<sup>[a]</sup> he sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

<sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

<sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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Happy Birthday to Rick Kelley (Sept. 30)

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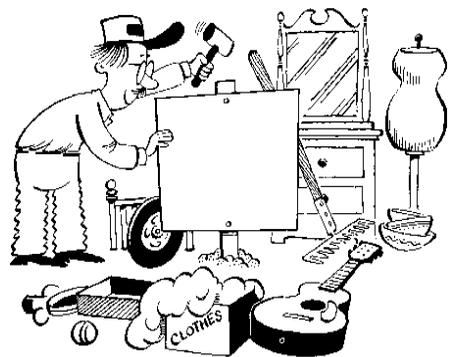


*Joint World Communion Service  
Next Sunday, October 4th*

*Next Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday. Given the current challenges of sharing the Lord's Supper in person, Session has decided to move worship online for that morning. We will not be gathering in the sanctuary. Join us online for a joint service with Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please feel free to use the bread and juice you have on hand at home as we commune together.*

*The service will be available on our Facebook page and Covenant's Youtube channel. It will also be broadcast on WBUT at 11:00 am. We'll resume our regular schedule the following Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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**Fall Indoor Yard Sale**  
**Friday, October 9th**  
**and**  
**Saturday, October 10th**  
**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**in the Bethany Room**

Please help us spread the word. We have an amazing variety of items for sale! Customers will be limited to 18 people at a time. Masks and physical distancing will be required. See you there!

*Scripture Readings*  
*and*  
*Announcements*