

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 #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" *(Glory to God)*

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

*The Benediction and the Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #405 "Praise God for This Holy Ground"

Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul, and mind.

Refrain

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own.

Refrain

Though praise ends, praise is begun where God's will is gladly done.

Refrain

The Call to Worship

Leader: "Come," says the Spirit. "Come."

People: "Come," say our sisters and brothers. "Come."

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty for forgiveness and love.

People: Come, you who are thirsty for justice and peace.

Leader: Come and drink from the well of Christ's grace.

People: Come and receive Christ's gift of new life.

All: Come! Let us worship God together.

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 #625 “How Great Thou Art” (Glory to God)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Creator God, out of nothing, you brought everything into being. As we lift our gaze to the stars, as we marvel at the beauty of spring blossoms, we rejoice in all that is and give you thanks for all that you have given. But we see other things as well. We see the persistent power of our sin. We see the many ways we impede rather than further your loving reign. Forgive our self-centeredness, our fractiousness, our greed and all that is contrary to your will in our lives. Empower us to change. Empower us to grow in our relationship with you. Help us to be like trees planted by streams of water, verdant and fruitful, through the gift of Christ’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

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 Scripture Reading

The Church in Proclamation

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – 26

Psalm 1

John 17: 6 – 19

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

“The Blessing”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

Musical Response #457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

(Glory to God)

How happy are the saints of God
who do not heed the wicked way;
delighting in the holy Word
they seek God’s wisdom night and day.

Like deeply rooted trees, they stand
beside an ever-flowing stream.
Their fruit is plentiful and good;
their leaves are always growing green.

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

(Glory to God)

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Scripture Readings

1 Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 - 26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. . . . ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6 - 19

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to Caroline Mahood's family and loved ones. Caroline died on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The flowers today are given by David and Bonnie Martin in memory of Cliff and Isabell Bacher.



Happy Birthday to

Becky Thomas

May 17

Pentecost Sunday



Next Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost. Please remember to wear red in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Donations Welcome

The Indoor Yard Sale Team is now accepting donations by appointment. Right now, we cannot accept clothing. We also cannot accept electronics such as old televisions, printers, computer equipment, etc. These items don't sell and it costs the church money to recycle them. We welcome most other items. To set up an appointment to drop things off, please contact Anzie Kelley or call the church office. Thanks so much for your contributions and your ongoing support!

Scripture Readings

and

Announcements