

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 #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.

*The Benediction and the Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #311 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands;
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.

While in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth;
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease;
where, O where, can weary souls find the source of peace?

Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Let all people break forth in joyous praise.

People: **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
With trumpets and the sound of the horn.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it;
The world and those who live in it.

People: **Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing together for joy.**

Leader: Let us worship God with gladness,
Let us praise God to the ends of the earth.

(Portions of Psalm 98, adapted)

Opening Prayer *(in Unison)*

Gracious God, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. Your love brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, healer, brother, friend. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work. Empower us to draw all people into the spacious home of your amazing love, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” *(Glory to God)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful 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 frustration 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 Reading

1 John 5: 1 – 6

John 15: 9 – 17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Flute: Deanna Golden

Piano: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

Musical Response #44 “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us” *(Glory to God)*

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #611

“No, Not One!”

(Sing to the Lord)

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not One! No, not one!
None else could heal all our souls' diseases, No, not One! No, not one!

Refrain:

Jesus knows all about our struggles; He will guide till the day is done.

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not One! No, not one!

No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not One! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not One! No, not one!

Refrain

There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not One! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not One! No, not one!

Refrain

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? No, not One! No, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven? No, not One! No, not one!

Refrain

Scripture Readings

1 John 5: 1 - 6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9 - 17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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 Tim and Maggie Mullen in memory of Tom and Sue Mullen.



Happy Birthday to

David Martin

May 13



Flower Calendar for 2021

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services?

The Flower Calendar for 2021 is in the Narthex.

Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Don't forget to tell us if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone, or if they are to commemorate an important date. The flowers you donate are yours to take home after the worship service, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$40. Thank you!

