

***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 #450 "Be Thou My Vision" *(Glory to God)*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***The Benediction and Postlude**

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #701 "Lord, Prepare Me" *(Glory to God)*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Repeat

The Call to Worship

Susan Race

Leader: Beloved of God,
Let us worship the One who sees us for who we are—

People: Created in God's image, called to Christ's service.

Leader: Beloved of Christ,
Let us worship the One who sees us for who we can be—

People: Empowered by the Spirit, transformed and loved into new life.

All: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Gracious, nurturing God, we know that you see us more clearly than we see ourselves. You see the thorny weeds of our sin; you see the tender green shoots of our faithfulness. In this time of worship, helps us to discern what needs to be pulled and what needs to be tended in the gardens of our lives. Warm our hearts with the sunshine of your grace and renew our souls with the waters of your Spirit so that the seeds of your life-giving love may blossom and bear fruit in our lives, through the grace of Christ. Amen

The Opening Hymn #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *(Glory to God)*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet my fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God of wisdom, we do not see you as you see. We look at others and make judgments. We look at outward appearances, but you look into our hearts. Loving God, forgive our shallowness. Open our eyes to see as you see. Open our hearts to love as you love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15: 34 - 16: 13

Mark 4: 26 - 34

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Violinist: Katie Korff

The Micro Message

Musical Response #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" *(Glory to God)*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #247

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

(Glory to God)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grains that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 15: 34 - 16: 13

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

David Anointed as King

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.”

And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

⁵ He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.”^[a] ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”

¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?”

And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”

¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Mark 4: 26 - 34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Guest Musicians

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest musicians! Our accompanist, Kathy Sawyer, is the Director of Music at Hampton Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Rev. Clark Sawyer, own Downtown Sounds Music Studio where Kathy teaches both piano and voice. This morning she is joined by vocalist, TommyLynn Kilian, and violinist Katie Korff. TommyLynn is a student at Butler High School. Katie teaches music at Penn Christian School and is the strings instructor at Downtown Sounds. We are blessed to have them with us this morning!

All in the Family

This past week, we learned that one of our members, Arnold Miller, died several months ago. Please keep his friends and loved ones in your prayers as they continue to grieve his passing.



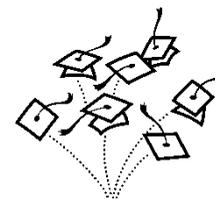
Happy Birthday to

Pat Patterson	June 13
Kathy Eamigh	June 14
Brandon Fleeger	June 14
Melinda Stevens	June 14



Picnic in the Park Today!

Please join us for lunch, games, and fellowship after worship today. We'll gather at the Miller Shelter in Butler Memorial Park. A catered boxed lunch and drinks will be provided. See you there!



Graduation Sunday Next Sunday

Graduation Sunday is next Sunday, June 20th. Join us as we celebrate our graduates during worship!

Got Dessert?

Saint Andrews needs a few good bakers. We are supplying desserts for Meals on Wheels for the month of July. Ideas for baked goods include:

Cookies—No Nuts or Icing
Gingerbread
Cupcakes—No Icing

Bundt Cakes—No Icing
Pies—All Kinds Except Cream
Angel Food Cakes

Please have the items packed for the freezer. Baked goods can be delivered to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Jefferson & Cliff Streets, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 10 am. Please contact Barb Hutchison if you have any questions or plan on baking in July. Thank you so much for helping!

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!