

## The Offertory

Guest Organist: Karen Krenitsky

**\*The Congregation Sings in Response** #6 "Praise God,..."  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*The Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*  
Gracious God, as we hear your word, lead us to share the truth of the gospel.  
As we offer our praise, place on our lips the good news of your love. As we  
carry our gifts to you, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. Accept  
these offerings and our lives in service to Christ. Amen.

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

**\*The Closing Hymn** #779 "We Are Called to Be God's People" *(Sing to the Lord)*

## \*The Benediction

**\*The Benediction Response** "Let Your Servants Now Depart in Peace" Davey  
Chancel Choir

**\*The Postlude** "This Joyful Eastertide" A. Bullard, arr.  
Guest Organist: Karen Krenitsky

Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" J. Bender, arr.  
Guest Organist: Karen Krenitsky

## Welcome and Announcements

**The Introit and Time of Centering** "In the Bulb, There Is a Flower"  
Chancel Choir

## The Call to Worship

Kathy Eamigh

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.**  
Leader: God forgives all our sins and heals all our infirmities;  
**People: God redeems our life from the grave,  
and crowns us with love and mercy.**  
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**People: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

*(Portions of Psalm 103, adapted)*

## The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us your way, revealed your truth, and offered us your everlasting life. In this time of worship, speak to us anew. Refocus our hearts and minds so that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn** #266 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" *(Sing to the Lord)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

\*The people will rise in body or spirit

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been. Help us to change what we are and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### A Time of Silent Confession

### The Assurance of Pardon

### The Congregation Sings in 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 Readings

Acts 7:54 - 60

N.T. Page 126

1 Peter 2:2 - 10

N.T. Page 233

John 14: 1 - 14

N.T. Page 108

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Musical Response "God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn"

Vocalist Deanna Golden

#### The Micro Message

Karen Pressler

#### The Anthem

"Psalm"

Canticleer Ringers

#### The Sermon

"Parting Promises"

Rev. Merry Meloy

#### \*The Hymn #621

"Near to the Heart of God"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

### The Church Responds

#### \*The Affirmation of Faith - *(In Unison)*

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*(From PCUSA Book of Common Worship,  
based on portions of 1 Cor. 15; Mark 16,  
Matt. 16; Rev. 22; and John 20)*

#### 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.

#### The Offertory Invitation

God has given us all that we have and all that we are. In gratitude for God's grace and goodness, let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. If you are visiting with us this morning, please help us get to know you by filling out the long, blue card in the pew rack in front of you. Thank you!

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

10:30 AM – Worship  
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Rich and Lori Love- Franke)

**Monday, May 8, 2023**  
*Graduation Info Deadline*

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

10:00 AM – Property Team  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

6:00 PM – Game Night

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**Next Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

10:30 AM – Worship

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Ushers:</b> Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Bonnie Martin	Dave Martin
<b>Next Week:</b> John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Denny Rodgers
<b>Liturgist:</b> Kathy Eamigh		<b>Next Week:</b> Susan Moon	
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Travis Grossman		<b>Next Week:</b> TBA	
<b>Micro Message:</b> Karen Pressler		<b>Next Week:</b> Jon McKay	
<b>Flower Delivery:</b> Kathy Eamigh		<b>Next Week:</b> Anzie Kelley	
<b>Open the Church:</b> Paul Perry		<b>Next Week:</b> Paul Perry	
<b>Close the Church:</b> Jon McKay		<b>Next Week:</b> Pastor Merry	

**The Flowers** today are given by Dan and Kendra Mulneix in memory of their dear friend, Jim Port.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by using the pink/purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

**Restrooms:** From the front of the sanctuary, use the left entrance (by the piano) and follow the hallway to the right. The restrooms are down the hall on the left.

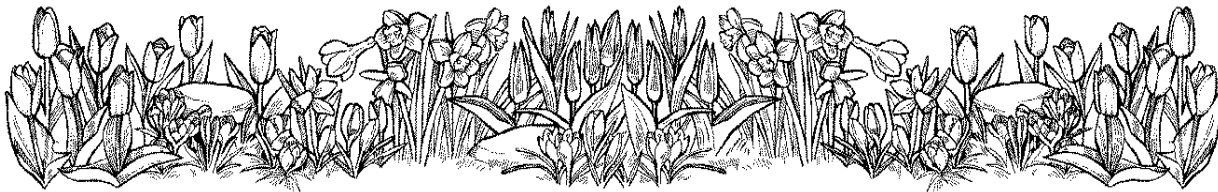


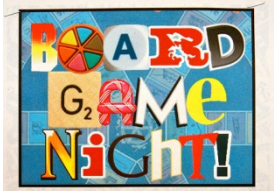
**Happy Birthday to**

Abigail Haughey	May 7
David Martin	May 13

**Calling All Graduates**

Graduation Sunday is May 21, 2023. If you are graduating this year, we'd like to include your graduation bio in the bulletin that Sunday. Please email us a paragraph with your name, the school you're graduating from, the activities, clubs, organizations, or jobs you've been involved with during your time at school, what you've enjoyed the most, and your future plans. The deadline is TOMORROW, May 8, 2023. Thank you!

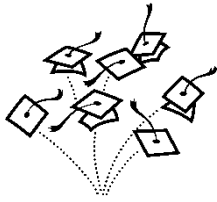




## Game Night is Back! Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of board games and fun on Friday, May 12, at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room. All ages are welcome. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many pizzas to order. Thanks!

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## Graduation Sunday May 21st

We'll be recognizing our high school, college, and grad school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us as we celebrate their gifts and accomplishments! There will be a simple reception with cake and punch in the Memorial Room after worship. Please come!

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## Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few extra hours to help feed some of our hungry neighbors? If so, please consider volunteering for the Sunday Lunch Program. Approximately one Sunday a month, two volunteers from Saint Andrews gather in the church kitchen at 9:30 to assemble bagged lunches. They then distribute the lunches at our Cliff Street entrance at noon. The entire process takes about an hour and a half. If you can help, please call the church office or see Pastor Merry. Thanks!

## May First Sunday Mission Offering



May's First Sunday Mission Offering will go to the local Soroptimists to help fund "A Place to Lay My Head." This mission provides beds, linens and pillows, and often much more, to needy families in the Butler area.

The project started out of concern for the homeless and the belief that everyone deserves their own bed and pillow. Over the years, that mission has expanded. The Butler Soroptimists have furnished a number of apartments for women and children who were transitioning from homelessness to their own apartments. The group works with other local organizations and agencies to identify recipients who are committed to improving their lives and the lives of their children.

Soroptimist is an international organization that helps women and girls. The local Butler chapter has a variety of special projects and programs. To help fund "A Place to Lay My Head," simply place your donation in a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from the pew racks or write "A Place to Lay My Head" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

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## Flower Calendar Openings

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar for 2023 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. We still have openings on:



May 28  
June 4  
June 18



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 \$35. Thank you!