

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *This Is My Father's World* Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustard

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been walking, Lord,
**on roads of uncertainty and fear,
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.**
Join us on our journey, Lord.
**By your presence, refresh our spirits,
set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!**

†**HYMN 231** *Christ Has Risen, While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness.
We have been foolish to doubt your promises.
Foolish to withhold love from neighbor.
Foolish to chase riches, prestige, and power.
Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation.
Foolish to divide your children from each other.
Foolish to think hope is lost.
Wise us up again.
Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, and in our world.
In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new
road from here on.**

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

ALLELUIA #1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Evans

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Pew Bible p. 553(OT)

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Based on the hymn TERRA BEATA by Franklin Shepard

CHRIST HAS RISEN, WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS

This hymn is reflective and challenging as we name our failure to trust Christ. In our own ways, we have been doubters and deniers, unable to recognize Christ in our midst. So, the cosmos is summoned to proclaim the Resurrection. The hymn continues as we sing of those for whom Christ has risen and the transformation God brings in us.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	John Rutter
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 24:13-35	Pew Bible p. 84(N'T)
CHILDREN'S LESSON		
SERMON	<i>Recognizing Jesus</i>	Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 713 *Touch the Earth Lightly* TENDERNESS

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offertory Response 609

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIEN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY

The first three stanzas of this hymn invite us to be good stewards of God's creation in the face of the many threats. It concludes with a prayer to the God of life and love, asking for divine intervention to teach, redirect, reconnect, and unite human beings.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the reunion of the northern and southern Presbyterian denominations in 1983, the church sought to make a statement of faith to be endorsed by the new denomination. Adopted in 1990, The Brief Statement of Faith confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore more fully their rich meanings.

LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Only after the fact did the two disciples realize that their hearts had been burning as they walked and talked with Jesus on the Emmaus Road. This African American spiritual, with the recurring phrase, "in my heart," expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may indeed be the people God calls us to be.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Setting: Dale Wood

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC
Based on the tune SLANE

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lionette Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music:

The text for the **Opening Voluntary**, "This is My Father's World," was written by Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901) and is from a collection of this Presbyterian's pastor's writings which was published posthumously. The recurring phrase was his customary way of identifying what he was going out to see on his morning walks. The tune TERRA BEATA was composed by Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), a friend of the author, for these words. It first appeared in a Presbyterian Sunday School hymnal (1915) which the composer edited.

The text for the **Musical Offering**, "For the Beauty of the Earth," was written by Follitt Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) and first published in London in 1864. The original title was "Sacrifice of Praise" and the original refrain was "'Christ our God, to Thee we raise / This our Sacrifice of Praise" which expresses the original intent as a eucharistic hymn.

This setting is by John Rutter (b. 1945), an internationally renowned English composer and conductor, associated mainly with choral music. His larger choral works, *Gloria, Requiem, Magnificat and Mass of the Children* are widely performed around the world, and many of his shorter pieces such as *The Lord bless you and keep you, For the beauty of the earth, and All things bright and beautiful* have become 'standards'. He has also composed or arranged many Christmas carols.

Be Thou My Vision - *Rop tú mo baile*, a *Choimdin cride* in Irish Gaelic - is preserved in two manuscripts (National Library of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy) both dating from the 10th or 11th century. This prayer-hymn belongs to a special category known as a lorica, a Latin word meaning "armor" or "breastplate." Clearly referencing Ephesians 6:11-18, such prayers are understood to be an incantation of divine protection. The author is unknown and is likely the work of an anonymous Irish monk from around the 8th century. The rhymed version we use was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912. The music is a traditional Irish folk tune first combined with Hull's couplets in the Irish *Church Hymnal* (Dublin, 1919). The combination soon appeared in a number of British hymnals and first appeared in North America in a Canadian hymnal published in 1930.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, April 24th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th

Montreat Retreat
12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, April 26th

5:00 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 27th

Friday, April 28th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, April 29th

Sunday, April 30th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Diaconate

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate, or contact the office. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

Charles Chambers on the death of his brother

Margaret Williams on the death of her sister

Marcia Noble's daughter, Michelle

In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

Milly Ball at home

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber** Camelia Place

WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

The Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Heffner Hall, has two dedicated childcare volunteers who will stay with young children during worship. For school-age children, the PRAYground is available, near the front of the sanctuary, offering educational and interactive materials, and the Parlor is available for anyone needing a quiet moment outside of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers Today are given by Lynda and Sallie Robinson in loving memory of James Edward Robinson, 3/13/1938 - 4/23/2016.

Sunday School Children ages 5-12 are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:00 AM in Room 117 in the Education Building. Younger children may be dropped off in the nursery, starting at 8:45 AM (and picked up after the 10:00 am worship service concludes.) Adults and Youth are welcome to enjoy a time of informal fellowship and coffee in the narthex or proceed to the Meeting Room for the Fidelis class, at 9:00 AM.

Lunches for Clifton Let Phyllis Bearden know if you would like to join this joyful group making lunches for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries after Worship today, pbearden47@bellsouth.net.

39ers The 39ers will meet on Tuesday, April 25th at Noon in the private room at Matthew's Cafeteria on Main St. in Tucker. Those wishing to carpool can meet in our parking lot by Heffner Hall at 11:45. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship and fun.

Tucker Day St. Andrews will have a booth at Tucker Day on Saturday, May 6th. Join us as we offer our neighbors a cup of cold water. See your weekly email for a link to sign up.

Montreat Many of our staff will be out of the office next week at Montreat for our retreat. Lunch and Learn and Church at Prayer will not meet next week.

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Website- sapctucker.org Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive

Instagram- [st.andrewspresbyteriantucker](https://www.instagram.com/standrewspresbyteriantucker/) Follow us- pictures and updates

Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter- office@sapctucker.org to be added to our list.

Contact Us- 770-938-2833, office@sapctucker.org

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm – one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic situation, family status, mental or physical abilities to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We welcome all of each of you.