

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,

"Follow me."

Jesus said,

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Jesus said,

"Forgive seventy times seven."

Jesus said,

"Feed my sheep."

In response, we say:

"Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

†HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious God, Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.

Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial,

and our limited imagination.

Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you.

With humble hearts we pray...

(A time of silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

Pew Bible p. 58 (NT)

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.

EASTER THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten and Easter season, we are following the theme, "Wandering Heart: figuring out faith with Peter," from A Sanctified Art LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

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.

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 Know that My Redeemer Lives* Craig Courtney
SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19 Pew Bible p. 109 (NT)
CHILDREN'S LESSON
SERMON *Wandering Heart: Here's My Heart* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 314 *Christ Be Our Light* CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.
We believe in a God who cares for God's people—
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.
We believe in a God who took on flesh—
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.
We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter,
like us, into a life of service and community.
And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less.
Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offering Response 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit, one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

MUSICAL OFFERING
The text for today's Musical Offering is based on Job 19:25-26 and 1 Corinthians 13:12.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available at the center station), which they then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, we will come to you in your seat.

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above*

Anna Laura Page

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?

In the first four stanzas of this song, drawing on a blend of scriptural and experiential references, we hear the voice of Christ calling people to a life of service and witness. The final stanza is our opportunity to answer this call affirmatively

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
LaVerne Byas-Smith, 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
Lonnelle Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on the hymn tune NETTLETON, the composer of which is unknown. It was first published in *Repository of Sacred Music, Second Part*, (Harrisburg, PA, 1813), a compilation edited by John Wyeth (1770-1858). The tune name honors Asahel Nettleton (1783-1844) a well-known evangelist and compiler of the words-only collection *Village Hymns for Social Worship* (New Haven, CT, 1824).

The arrangement is by Dale Wood (1934-2003), an American composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions.

The **Musical Offering** was composed in 1999 by Craig Courtney (b. 1948) based on words from Job 19:25-26 and I Corinthians 13:12 and employing the Alleluia from EASTER HYMN as an opening and closing motif. He is currently a Composer and the Executive Music Editor for Beckenhorst Press, and his music is performed all over the world. His published works include more than two hundred choral octavos, nine vocal collections, a piano solo collection and six extended works for choir and orchestra.

The **Benediction in Music** is based on the hymn tune AMSTERDAM first published in the *Foundery Collection*, 1742. The text for the hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great hymn-writer of the Wesley family, and perhaps, taking quantity and quality into consideration, the great hymn-writer of all ages. The *Foundery Collection* was so named because the Wesley's purchased an unused canon foundry and restored it as a gathering center for preaching and learning. In essence, it is the first distinctly Methodist hymn book.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells

Monday, April 8th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 PM Worship Ministry

Wednesday, April 10th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
7:00 PM Management Ministry
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March April 11th

5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, April 12th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, April 13th

10:30 AM All-Church Walk

Sunday, April 14th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Called Session Meeting
4:00 PM Spring Book Discussion

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.

The Family of Marcia Noble

Phyllis Jennings

Tom Evans

Christy Meeks

Ron Weber

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

Peggy Benedict at home

Henry Tribble The Villages

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

Ted & Peggy Heffner Blueridge
Assisted Living

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.

Anyone needing a quiet spot during Worship, is welcome to use the Parlor; you will be able to view a live stream of the service. Nursery care is available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. For families with children who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Walk in the Park Join us for the All-Church Walk this Saturday, April 13th at 10:30 AM. We'll be walking on various trails in Mason Mill Park, 1458 McConnell Drive in Decatur. The 120-acre forested park has several walks to pick from, determined by your own interest and abilities. One of the walks passes the ruins of the old Decatur Waterworks, which is on the National Historic Registry. Stay tuned for more details in this week's email.

Spring Book Discussion Copies of Spring book study selection, "What Kind of Christianity" by Rev. Dr. William Yoo are available for \$15 in the Narthex or by contacting the office, sapctucker.org. Three consecutive book discussions, April 14, 21, and 28th will be held at 4:00 PM in the Youth Lounge, and on May 5th Dr. Yoo joins us for a presentation and Q&A. Please read the Introduction and Part One for April 14th. We're excited for this discussion and hope you will make plans to join us!

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.

Approved and adopted by the Session of St. Andrews, August 2019

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