

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2020
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary on* ABERYSTWYTH Joseph Parry
Arranged by Tedd Smith and Don Hubbard

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus met the blind man at the city gate.

Jesus met the crowds at the edge of the sea.

Jesus met the leper in his pain.

And Jesus met the Samaritan woman in her isolation.

So with confidence we declare—

Jesus meets us here.

For we too are the blind and the broken, the hurting and the bleeding.

Jesus meets our scars, our fears, our prayers, and our dreams.

So you are welcome here.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship Holy God.

†HYMN 163 *Lone and Wild the Prophet's Voice* ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, When it comes to our faith, we know we could learn from the Samaritan woman who ran through the streets singing your name. So forgive us for the times when we remain silent about what our faith means to us. Forgive us for the times when we choose comfort over bravery. And forgive us for the times we shut people out, missing opportunities to run into you. Teach us to be brave like the Samaritan woman, and saturate our thirst for that which leaves us thirsty. With hope and gratitude we confess. With hope and gratitude we pray.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

CHORAL PETITION 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* WAYFARING STRANGER
You Are the Lord, giver of Mercy!
You Are the Christ, giver of Mercy!
You Are the Lord, giver of Mercy!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Grounded in grace, let us share the peace we have received from Christ with one another and with the world. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of peace, saying "The peace of Christ be with you."

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.

ABERYSTWYTH is the name of an historic Welsh town where Joseph Parry was the music professor at the university of the same name. The tune was composed in 1877 and it has become associated with several hymns including "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night". The text we sing today was written in 1985 incorporating many Scripture references.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Marcia Noble
HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING	Exodus 17:1-7	Pew Bible, page 61(OT)
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>Waters of Creation</i>	Arranged by Austin Lovelace
GOSPEL READING	John 4:5-42	Pew Bible, page 89(NT)
CHILDREN'S LESSON		
SERMON	<i>The Wilderness is a Place of Surprising Connection</i>	Kristen Sommerfeld

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 494	<i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	QUEBEC
SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD		
MINUTE FOR MINISTRY		Tornado Relief
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
Offertory	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Gerald Near
†Offertory Response	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	TALLIS' CANON
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.	

†Prayer of Dedication

THE 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 up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

... We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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

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

Text: Sylvia Dunstan. Tune: RESTORATION

OFFERTORY

Based on the tune ROCK-INGHAM. Refer to Hymn #224.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 church members. With the knowledge that we can never earn the grace we receive through Christ, we believe that anyone with the desire to come to the table demonstrates a desire to know Christ, and is welcome. 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 cup in order 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 today. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is 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.

Prayer after Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

†BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir from me placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

MY LIFE FLOWS ON/HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

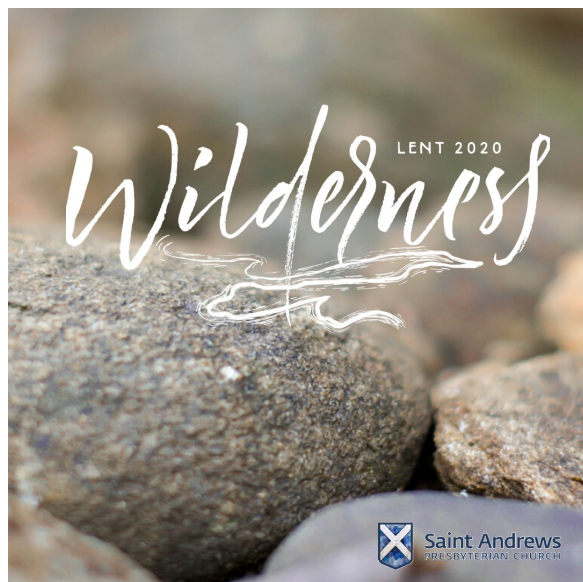
The text of this hymn is full of Biblical allusions that serve as both a comfort and to call us to rejoice. In 1957 folksinger Pete Seeger included a version of this hymn in a folk-song journal with an additional verse written by Doris Plenn in response to McCarthy-era pressure on political liberals.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
John McCrosky, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lonnelle Bruce, Interim Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator
Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern



HOLY WEEK

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A row of four square icons: a green square with a white palm frond, a purple square with a white chalice, a red square with a white cross, and a blue square with a white crescent moon and star.

Palm/Passion Sunday	April 5, 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	April 9, 6:30 pm
Good Friday	April 10, 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday Service	April 12, 10:00 am

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:20 AM Calvin Center Work Day
11:30 AM Session Meeting
4:00 PM Chancel Bells

Monday, March 16th

6:30 PM re:loom
8:00 PM AA/ALANon

Tuesday, March 17th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
12:00 PM Outsmart the Scammers

Wednesday, March 18th

5:00 PM Little Light
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 19th

Friday, March 20th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA/ALANon

Saturday, March 21st

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
4:00 PM Clifton Sanctuaries-Youth

PRAYER CONCERNS AND

CELEBRATIONS

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

Melissa Browning

Sharon Shenkman

Mary Cameron, in hospice care

The Bunce Family, on the death of Jeff's mother

The Smith Family on the death of Klara's brother

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

Sharon Shenkman-North Decatur HRC, **Evelyn Wallace**-at home
Clyde Wentz-The Phoenix at Tucker
Sue Puckett-Camelia Place **Barbara Mattheis**-Regency House **Ron and Betty Weber** at home

WELCOME

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

Please note your presence in the registry of friendship so that members of our church family may welcome you.

Your presence is a joy for us.

Nursery Care is available in the Education Building, Room 107.

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, *Wilderness* 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. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Lenten Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from liturgy written by Sarah Are of A Sanctified Art.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Table Out of an abundance of caution, we are cancelling the last two weeks of Big Table.

Tornado Relief We are collecting items through March 20th to send to Nashville to assist in recovery efforts from the recent tornadoes. A list of needed items is on the collection boxes in the Narthex. Items may be placed in the boxes today or brought to the office from 9-1 through Friday, 3/20.

Calvin Center Work Day All are invited to join our youth on a Lenten mission experience at the Calvin Center after worship today. We'll take the buses after worship and return by 5:00 PM. There will be time for service as well as quiet reflection. Contact John McCrosky with any questions, john@sapctucker.org.

Dinners for Eight ♪ *Getting to know you! Getting to know all about you!* ♪ Would you like to know better the folks in your church? Here's how it will work: You will be put into groups of 8 who will eat lunch or dinner 4 times together – once in each of the months of April thru July. The deadline to sign up is Mar. 22; find the sheet in the narthex. Questions: Ask Gretchen Turner, 770-363-5273.

re:loom will meet in the church library on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM.

PW The Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room for Bible Study and Fellowship, all the women of St. Andrews are welcome to attend. Contact Jackie Harper with any questions, 770-934-3463.

Outsmart the Scammers March 17 at 12:00 PM in the Meeting Room - Join us for this presentation and learn important strategies to help protect yourself and the ones you love. Contact Pat Baker with any questions, pat@sapctucker.org.

AV Volunteers Needed You don't have to be a technical person to work our AV board – promise! You'll get plenty of training, and another volunteer will mentor you until you feel confident. Please contact Phyllis Bearden at 404-580-8679, or make her Sunday by talking to her after worship and offering to help.

Clifton Sanctuaries Our youth are planning to bring dinner to the men's shelter at Clifton Sanctuaries next Sunday, but anyone is welcome to join in and help. Contact John McCrosky if you'd like to join the group going on March 22nd- john@sapctucker.org.

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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.

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