

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Magnificat*

Marcel Dupré

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not let your hearts be troubled

**Trust in God; Trust in Jesus.**

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

**Christ will lead us to be with Him.**

We know the way to the place where Jesus is.

**Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

Come, let us join together on the journey of faith.

**Come, let us follow Jesus, who is the Way. Amen.**

## HYMN

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZARTT

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

As with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
Both soul and body, take your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.**

**Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gretchen Turner

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**GOSPEL READING**

John 14:1-14

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**SERMON**

*For Troubled Hearts*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR SHARED MINISTRY**

Camille: There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Camille: Each of us is given gifts by the Spirit to use it for the common good.

**People: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of Christ.**

Camille: Though our gifts may be varied, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen

Christ. We work and pray to make God's church a useful servant in the world. Let us pray together:

**People: We thank you for your servant, Kristen, whom you called to serve among us.**

*Kristen: I thank you, O Lord, for these, your people, who have welcomed me into their lives and taught me through our life together.*

**People: We thank you for Kristen's special gifts for ministry, and pray that you will guide her as she continues to prepare for service in your church.**

*Kristen: I thank you, O God, for the gifts of faith and the special work of ministry that each of these, your people, will continue to live out in this place.*

**People: We thank you for Kristen's service among us.**

*Kristen: I thank you, Lord, for what I have learned about your church and world, and for the richness of shared ministry.*

Camille: For memories and challenges that we all share, accept our thanks, O God.

**People: Though we now go our separate ways, join us forever in your loving care. Never let our friendships fade. Make us grateful for the life we have shared, in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND 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**

**Offertory Response** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST 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**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
 For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
 Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****THE PASSING OF THE PEACE****BENEDICTION IN MUSIC***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;  
 The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.

When we must be apart, it gives us inward pain;  
 But we shall still be joined in heart, until we meet again.