

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise our God everyone; give the Lord a raucous greeting!

**God is our Advocate, our Helper, the one who gives life.**

We search and grasp, even though God is as close as our breath.

**Glory to the One who suffered in order to bring us to God!**

HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,

And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.

His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate and Gentle God, you have created us in Love to be your people. We love you, but too often we do not keep your commandments. We turn away from your path and love our way of life more than we love you. We love ourselves but forget to love our neighbors too. Forgive our misdirected love. Help us to respond to your love in new ways each and every day. Strengthen us so that we may know your promises and see your risen presence in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Refrain:* 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. (*Refrain*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John McCrosky

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

MUSICAL OFFERING

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement 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 Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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*  
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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Prayer of Dedication**

HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**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.