

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 24, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Simple Gifts*

American Shaker Melody  
Arranged by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**Glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**To the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**Making God's love known to the world- forsaken in our midst.**

HYMN

*Sanctuary*

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you. *(Repeat)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding the perfect way to tell someone off, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us.**

**Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*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

Natalia Papotto

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-7

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

Andy Todd

CHILDREN'S LESSON

REFLECTION

Natalia Papotto and Andy Todd

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
    he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
    he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
    From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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**

**HYMN**

*I'll Fly Away*

Albert Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.  
  
*Refrain:* I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.  
  
When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.  
Like a bird from prison bars have flown, I'll fly away. (*Refrain*)  
  
Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. (*Refrain*)

**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.

***Thank you to our worship leaders this morning:***

Ashley Elder, David Lukens, John McCrosky, Sam McCrosky, Natalia Papotto,  
Sarah Phillips, Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Lily Powell, Andy Todd, Ed Weaver