

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JUNE 28, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude to a 'Te Deum'

Marc Antonie Charpentier

CALL TO WORSHIP

The creator has planted seeds in all of us,

May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit,

May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.

The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

May we be nurtured, may we be blessed and may we grow in this time of worship.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:

Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.

In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,

Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we confess before You that we do not follow the ways of the world You created, but instead follow the ways of the world we have created, in which we put ourselves above others, that our needs and desires are more important than anyone else's. We put worldly success, fame, and satisfaction above the needs of others, especially the people we do not see. Forgive us. Call us back into Your intention at our creation, to love others and to love You, to be good stewards of all You have given us and to participate in Your reign. Help us to turn away from the temptations of the world we have created, and to turn back to You.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Evans

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12-17

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

God's Story. Our Story. One Story: The Nicene Creed

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAISE GOD

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*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.