

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JULY 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Highland Cathedral

Uli Roever and Michael Korb

Michael Grest piper; Karen Habegger, percussion; Edward Weaver, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we do this,

To the glory of God our Creator, who has called us by grace:

To the glory of God our Redeemer, who loves us and gave himself for us;

To the glory of God our Sustainer, who illumines and sanctifies us;

As a people within the family of God,

In the unity of the faith and the communion of the saints;

We dedicate ourselves to the worship of God and the service of God's Kingdom;

In the name of the Triune God – Three in One and One in Three. Amen.

HYMN

O Lord You Are My God and King

BONNIE DOON

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name;

I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought;

All generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful,

Your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,

For you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care.

To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show,

Till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know.

Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure;

While generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

DUNDEE

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:

Pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.

Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Berlin

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:37-41

MUSICAL OFFERING

Brother James' Air

arr. Gordon Jacob

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-25

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

God's Story. Our Story. One Story: The Scots Confession

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

O for a Closer Walk with God

CATHINESS

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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.