

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JULY 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Setting by Dale Wood

Based on the tune HOLY MANNA from *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Millican Family

The kin-dom of heaven is like:

**A tiny mustard seed that carries the life of a tree.**

The kin-dom of heaven is like:

**A tiny portion of yeast that makes bread rise.**

The kin-dom of heaven is like:

**A tiny pearl of great value that we would give all our “stuff” to have.**

The kin-dom of heaven is like:

**A family of faith finding ways to come together to worship, even when we must be apart.**

Let us come together, in our own places, to worship our God of grace and mercy.

## HYMN

*To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?

A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,

And there, where predictable plantings should be,

There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,

Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:

A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,

A church reaches out to the youth in the town,

A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,

When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,

God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.

A girl sells possessions to help those in need;

A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;

May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Papotto Family

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and God of glory, forgive us when we forget that nothing can ever separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. We confess that the distractions of life and the fear of death cause us to lose our trust in you. Too often we live and act as if you are against us rather than for us. Loving God, forgive our sins. Help us to put our trust in you through Jesus Christ, who died, who was raised, who is at your place of honor in Glory. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *You Are My All in All*

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak;  
You are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;  
When I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Ashley Elder

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**EPISTLE READING**

Romans 8:26-39

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**SERMON**

*Good Trouble*

John McCrosky

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *Romans 8*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We have been persuaded to believe that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**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**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is more wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

**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.



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