

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 9, 2020

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary*  
Op. 6 No. 2

John Stanley  
(1713-1786)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

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| 1) Our God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home:    | 4) A thousand ages in thy sight<br>Are like an evening gone,<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun.       |
| 2) Beneath the shadow of thy throne<br>Thy saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is thine arm alone,<br>And our defense is sure.  | 5) Time, like an ever rolling stream,<br>Bears all our years away;<br>They fly forgotten, as a dream<br>Dies at the opening day.       |
| 3) Before the hills in order stood,<br>Or earth received its frame,<br>From everlasting thou art God,<br>To endless years the same. | 6) Our God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be thou our guard while life shall last,<br>And our eternal home. |

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us.

When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are.

Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray.

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*  
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
Glad of heart your anthems raise;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the Maker all your days!

LAUDA ANAMA

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Berlin

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

*A Blessing for the New School Year*

## SERMON

*God's Story. Our Story. One Story -  
The Westminster Standards*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1647*

Q. What is the chief end of man?

**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

**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**

*A Grateful Heart*

ROCKINGHAM

A grateful heart is what I bring,  
a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice:  
in you, O God, I will rejoice.

**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.