

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 16, 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach
Arr. Virgil Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,
we live as God asks us to live.

When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,
we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,
we reflect the One who is in our midst.

HYMN

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
When our children are bewildered, when they lose their way in life,
When we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.

We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
Hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

We confess, Holy One, that often our faith is conditional. We confess that we are often foolish, yet believe ourselves wise. We trust you when we can see where you are going, and we believe your word when it makes sense with what we already know. The rest of the time...our voices can often be heard in the midst of the crowd demanding that you meet our expectations. Forgive us. Help us to trust where we have not seen. Teach us your way, foolish step by foolish step, until we find ourselves living your wisdom.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer
O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not
All God's mercies to proclaim.

STUTT GART

Far as east from west is distant,
God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father
Has the Lord's compassion been.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Cook

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:11-25

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

*God's Story. Our Story. One Story -
The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Barmen Declaration*, 1934

**Jesus Christ,
as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God
which we have to hear
and which we have to trust and obey
in life and in death.**

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance
of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.**

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; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

LAST UNS ERFREUN

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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.