

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Excellent Is Thy Name

Dick Tuney
Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustard

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

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (*Refrain*)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy One, we come before You, confessing the times we have forgotten that You are the head of the church. We have forsaken the responsibility that is ours as your followers. We have kept to ourselves instead of reaching out beyond the covenant community. We have neglected to proclaim the Good News of salvation that we have in you. We have failed to make worship and study of Your word central in our lives. We have hoarded the time, talents, and money you have given us, rather than uniting them in service to you. We admit that our actions and our love have not always glorified You.

Forgive us for all the times and ways we have failed, individually and as a congregation, to love as you have loved us.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Great Are You, Lord*

GREAT IS THE LORD

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
By your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
By your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord.
We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gretchen Turner

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

MUSICAL OFFERING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

*God's Story. Our Story. One Story -
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by a St. Andrews Sunday School Class, May, 2018

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we believe in
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Being Christ-centered;
The Bible as the core of our belief;
Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God;
Being an open and safe place for confession and forgiveness;
Being involved in the community, locally and beyond;
Being welcoming and inclusive;
Caring for creation.
We believe that the church is the people.

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

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.



Notes on today's music:

Opening Voluntary This tune is among the more than 150 contemporary Christian tunes composed by Dick and Melodie Tunney - a husband-and-wife duo who have written for and performed with many contemporary Christian artists. They have written songs for Sandi Patti, Larnelle Harris and other Christian artists. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad were for decades the piano and organ duo for Billy Graham. This arrangement was composed in 1985.

First Hymn The words and music by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), were written as a gift for the St. Thomas Becket Catholic Community in Eagan, Minnesota for the dedication of a new church in 1994. Although the imagery of construction is used throughout the text, the concern is not for a physical structure, but rather a spiritual one.

Joyful Response First published and recorded in 1983, this praise song was written and composed by the husband and wife team of Michael W. Smith (b. 1957) and Deborah D. Smith (b. 1958).

Second Hymn It seems appropriate to conclude the series on the statements of faith that have been the building blocks of our reformed tradition with this hymn, rich in Scripture references proclaiming Jesus Christ as the foundation of the church. There is no irony that this hymn has been sung at every major event in this history of Saint Andrews. The text was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) and first published in 1866; the music composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) in 1864. The text and music first appeared together in 1868.

Benediction in Music The text is based on a portion of the 8th century Latin hymn *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est*, (Where are charity and love, God is there), translated and rhymed here by Omer Westendorf in 1960. In the 10th and 11th centuries it became attached to the ritual footwashing of Maundy Thursday, (from the Latin *mandatum* = commandment) the reference to Christ's "new commandment" to love one another (John 13:34).