

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come, Ye Thankful People, Comw

Music by George Elvey
Arr. By Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

- 1) Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.
- 2) We are pilgrims on a journey;
We're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3) I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4) I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.
- 5) When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.
- 6) Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless.

We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners.

We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,
and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life
with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *O My Soul Bless Your Redeemer*

STUTTGART

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.

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

Tom Evans

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Debra Avery
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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

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Jesus Be With Us

MATTHEW 25

Refrain: Jesus, be with us. Help us each day
To follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.
Jesus be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land
Shatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need. *(Refrain)*

Where there is hatred because of our skin
Break down the walls of our fear.
Jesus, be with us, to save us from sin.
In your great love, draw us near. *(Refrain)*

Where there are valleys of bones, dry as dust,
Build up the body of Christ.
Jesus, be with us, and help us to trust.
Teach us a new way of life. *(Refrain)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

On Eagle’s Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.