

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMN SING**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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**INTROIT**

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
    may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:  
    may Jesus Christ be praised!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the presence of God:  
    **who knows us when we wake up  
    and when we go to sleep,  
    and in all the moments in between.**

We gather as children of God:  
    **who has created a family for us,  
    which transcends geography and social distance.**

We gather to be the people of God:  
    **who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.**

**HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
    blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
    like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
    born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
    God's re-creation of the new day!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind*

REST

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
    re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**JOYFUL RESPONSE**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Phyllis Bearden

**HYMN**

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and  
they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain:* Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

**EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 4:1-9

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**REFLECTION**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*I Believe in God the Father*

GENEVAN 42

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,  
Maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;  
And in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,  
By the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.  
Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.  
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.  
From the grave he did arise; and ascended through the skies;  
Now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;  
Saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;  
Flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.  
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Offertory Response

*We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

## Prayer of Dedication

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

#### Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

1. Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

#### CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.