

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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ORDINARY TIME - FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE EVERYDAY PLACES OF LIFE

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Gaelic Improvisation
Morning Has Broken ~ Baptized in Water

Charles Callahan

INTROIT

In My Life
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise the Lord, for God has taken ordinary things,

And made them extraordinary.

Come, worship God, who makes all things new:

Worship God, who is with us through our ordinary days in the journey of life.

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.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Creator God, we confess that at times it is hard to see how anything good is happening in the world. At times, we dwell in spiritual blankness, a void in which we do not see light, do not see color, do not see the brightness and hope that You bring. Call us into Your perception: to hold on to every good deed, every beautiful thing, every joyful moment. Open our hearts to Your steadfast love that penetrates the void. Guide us into the work of justice, to restore what has been taken, repair what has been broken, heal what has been harmed. Help us to not only shine Your light, but to become Your light to the world.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Take My Life and Let it Be, Consecrated
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

HENDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Cook

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Waking: Baptism and Learning to Be Beloved

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

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

For the Life That You Have Given
For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Breathe on Me Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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

God of Our Life

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.



Notes on Today's Music

The text for our **Opening Voluntary**, "Morning Has Broken," was created by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) at the request of the editor of a new hymnal to fit this melody. Originally titled "Thanks for a Day," it reflects the authors awareness of the potential of each new day to recall the wonder of creation.

Another text, "Baptized in Water," was written by Michael Saward (1932-2015) in 1981, which was first published in *Hymns for Today's Church* (London, 1982).

Both texts are apropos to today's sermon.

The 19th century Gaelic melody was reportedly collected from the singing of a wandering Scottish highlander. The tune, BUNESSAN, is named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland.

Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is well-known as an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher.

The text of **The Church's One Foundation** was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), an English cleric, as one of twelve hymns affirming the articles of the Apostle's Creed with biblical allusions such as I Corinthians 3:11 in this case.

The tune AURELIA, composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), though not created for this text, was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

The text for **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** was written by Edwin Hatch (1835-1889). The initial appearance of the text is as the first of thirteen pieces in a privately printed collection of his poems *Between Doubt and Prayer*.

The tune TRENTHAM was composed by Robert Jackson (1840-1914) and was first published in a collection of original tunes by Jackson: *Sacred Leaflets for Church and Home: Fifty Original Hymn Tunes* (London, 1888).