

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

arr. COTTER

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalms 46:10

(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

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

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Redeemer God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 410

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Into the shadows of our isolation, God speaks the words of life and community. Through God's graceful healing presence, God heals our wounds and restores us to wholeness. Trusting in God's gracious provision, let us confess our limitations and proclaim God's faithfulness.

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have been given God's grace and redemption. In that redemption, we are given strength to love our neighbors near and far, proclaiming it in our words and deeds: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 119:1-8

(In unison from *The Message*)

**You're blessed when you stay on course,
walking steadily on the road revealed by God.
You're blessed when you follow his directions,
doing your best to find him.
That's right—you don't go off on your own;
you walk straight along the road he set.
You, GOD, prescribed the right way to live;
now you expect us to live it.
Oh, that my steps might be steady,
keeping to the course you set;
Then I'd never have any regrets
in comparing my life with your counsel.
I thank you for speaking straight from your heart;
I learn the pattern of your righteous ways.
I'm going to do what you tell me to do;
don't ever walk off and leave me.**

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us...

We give thanks.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:21-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Companions on the Way"

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION (from *The Belhar Confession* – PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; and that we have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"I Love You, Lord"

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,
return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the
weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

BEETHOVEN

Meditation Words:

Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name
We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face

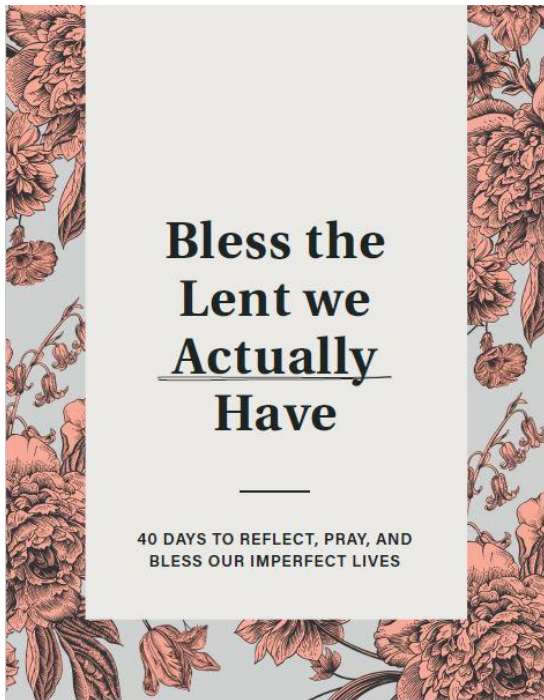
We have been sung throughout all of history
 Called to be light to the whole human race
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
 Gather us in, the proud and the strong
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
 Give us the courage to enter the song
 Here we will take the wine and the water
 Here we will take the bread of new birth
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion
 Give us to eat the bread that is you
 Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true
 Not in the dark of buildings confining
 Not in some heaven light years away
 But here in this place the new light is shining
 Now is the kingdom, now is the day
 Gather us in and hold us forever
 Gather us in and make us your own
 Gather us in, all peoples together
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord and I lift my voice to worship You
 Oh, my soul, rejoice take joy, my King in what You hear
 May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear
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 Sweet sound may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear
 Oh, Jesus, sweet, sweet sound

This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group <p>Tuesday, Feb. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 Finance Mtg 2:00 BSR Mtg 3:00 Disciple Bible Study Class 5:00 Building and Grounds Mtg 	<p>Wednesday, Feb. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 Disciple Bible Study Class- via Zoom 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Peace and Justice Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal <p>Thursday, Feb. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 Revelation Bible Study 4:30 Mission Mtg <p>Friday, Feb. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Men's Breakfast <p>Sunday, Feb. 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group
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The Season of Lent is around the corner!

This is the book we will use as our daily devotional for you to follow as we travel with Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Once a week you are welcome to join together on Zoom at 1PM on the following dates to discuss the previous week's devotionals. Your devotional readings begin on February 22. We will meet on:

Monday, February 27 (discussing Week 1 "Blessed Are The Fragile)

Monday, March 6 (discussing Week 2 "Blessed Are The Imperfect)

Monday, March 13 (discussing Week 3 "Blessed Are The Curious")

Monday, March 20 (discussing Week 4 "Blessed Are Those Who Suffer")

Monday, March 27 (discussing Week 5 "Blessed Are Those Who Feel Alone")

Monday, April 3 (discussing Week 6 "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn")

We hope you will join us for discussion and reflection each week, but if you choose to use this material individually, we hope this devotional will bless you as we travel through Lent.

Watch your email to enroll in Discussion Group and to Download the Devotional Book.

Peace,
The Adult Ed Ministry Team