

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Aria"

JOHN DIXON

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (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 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

DAW

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**As God's own people, we covenant to be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. We pledge to always be ready to forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven us. And above everything else, we will offer love and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for us.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

J. G. WALTHER

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 13, 2022

# Second Sunday in Lent

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 13, 2022

10:30 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude in F"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

THEODORE DUBOIS  
*Psalm 46:10*

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 (Based on Psalm 27) Liturgist

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, to inquire in his temple.

**My head is lifted up above my troubles, and I will offer praise in the Lord's house with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED Gretchen and Al Amstutz

We want control and certainty in our life. We want to know that we are on the right path, that we have the right answers, and that we worship the right God. We want to trust our own certainty. Lent is an invitation to acknowledge our illusions of certainty and to open ourselves to God's wonder-filled grace, mercy, and love.  
(*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our certainty for: the need for answers, faith without doubt, and the desire to be self-reliant. (*A candle is extinguished.*)

**Gracious God, we like to pretend that we have life figured out, that we don't need you, and that we can possess ultimate knowledge. Open our hearts to your gift of grace that enables us, in faith, to trust. Amen.**

\*HYMN 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

NEANDER

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

If the Lord should number our sins, who could survive? But there is forgiveness with God for with God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. Trusting in God's sure mercy, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.

**O Lord our God, whose love is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. You long to draw us close and keep us safe, but we turn away. Forgive us for spurning your love. You offer to lead us into deeper faith, but we resist. Forgive us for filling our life with everything except you. You desire to use us as instruments of your hospitality and justice, but we refuse. Have mercy on us for not welcoming the stranger or supporting the oppressed. Open your arms to us once more, Gentle God, and grant us courage to truly follow our Lord Jesus Christ, obeying your will and serving your world, till your kingdom comes. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

By grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God. Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 HEBREW BIBLE READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Recit de Terre en Taille"

NICOLAS DEGRIGNY

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"God's Tender Love"

### THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN 177

"I Will Come to You"

HAAS

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