

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 3, 2022

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Were You There?"

CALVIN TAYLOR

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Minute for Mission - Once Great Hour of Sharing

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

Though we could be resentful,

we come to give thanks.

Though we could be complaining,

we come to offer appreciation.

Though we could be upset about what we lack,

we come in gratitude for what we have.

ALL: We enter into worship with gifts to offer, singing songs of joy, and rejoicing together before God.

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF WEALTH

Dianne and Ross Stephenson

We live in a world that tells us we never have enough. We are constantly seeking more: more money, bigger houses, newer cars and the latest technology. Fearing scarcity, we hoard our possessions and store up our own treasures. We worship money instead of God. When we let go of our wealth, and acknowledge that it all belongs to God, we learn to trust and rely on God, who desires that all have enough. (*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our wealth. We let go of our constant need for more, the illusion that possessions make us self-sufficient, and admit our need for God. (*A candle is extinguished.*)

Creator God, remind us again that the world and all that is in it is yours.

Teach us to relax our hold on possessions and to cling to you instead. Help us

to use the gifts you've given us wisely, to share them generously, joyfully trusting in your abundance. Amen.

*HYMN 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

You ask for our hands that you might use them for your purpose, we give them for a moment, then withdraw them for the work is hard. You ask for our mouths to speak out against justice. We give you a whisper that we might not be accused. You ask for our eyes to see the pain of poverty. We close them for we do not want to see. You ask for our lives that you might work through us. We give a small part so that we would not get too involved. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to do so, only in the places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Forgive us, renew us, send us out as usable instruments that we might take seriously the meaning of the cross. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Who is in a position to condemn? **Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In 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 PSALM: Psalm 126 (Unison)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who

dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING: Isaiah 43:16-21
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-9
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "A Magnificent, Holy Waste "

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 201 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith (1.5-7)*

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works God's sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God in Christ is perfect freedom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Offertory" CESAR FRANCK

*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 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

*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

"If You But Trust In God"

J.G. WALTHER

*Those who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary directly after the benediction. Because our worship is primarily toward God and in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we refrain from applause. In our culture, applause is how we show appreciation for a performance. However, in worship, we are the "performers" for God. Thus, our singing, the music played, a solo or any other musical offering is an offering to God.)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Today, St. Andrews will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering** which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hungry Program, and the Self Development of People program. Through our gifts to OGHS we enable these organizations to become "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58:12) for people facing disaster, hunger and oppression. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Mission Ministry Team.

This Week at St. Andrews

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr. 5 10:00-12:00 Migrant Bag Dropoff</p> <p>Wednesday, Apr. 6 10:00 Knitting Group 10:30 Lenten Book Study with Jack Harnish 1:00 Centering Prayer 3:30 Worship Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, Apr. 7 10:00-12:00 Migrant Bag Dropoff 1:00 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 10 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p>
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