

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. RANEY

"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

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 (Adapted from Psalm 150)

Liturgist

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred place! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us bow down before God our Creator and make our confession. Let us pray:

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to

forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

Christ comes into the locked tombs of our self-righteousness and gifts us with grace and hope. **Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may accept the good news of mercy and forgiveness. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE READING FROM BOOK OF ACTS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hallelujah"

COHEN

THE GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Blank Book"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(from *The Book of Common Worship*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the

scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Crown Him with Many Crowns" J. CARTER

*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 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA NO. 1

*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 "Risen Lord"

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Jon Hawley, Liturgist
Jennifer and Ernie Abel, Greeters
Suzie Anderson, Pam Wehmeyer, Ushers
Polly Mauer, Pianist

Words for Meditation for Hallelujah:

A crown of thorns placed on His head. He knew that He would soon be dead. He said did you forget me Father did you? They nailed Him to a wooden cross. Soon all the world would feel the loss of Christ the King before His Hallelujah

Hallelujah

He hung His head and prepared to die. Then lifted His face up to the sky. Said I am coming home now Father to you. A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to his lips. He drank His last and gave His soul to glory Hallelujah

Hallelujah

The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior. He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord fell to his knees crying Hallelujah

Hallelujah

Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown and laid him down to rest inside the tomb. The holes in his hands, his feet and side now in our hearts we know he died to save us from ourselves oh hallelujah

Hallelujah

Three days went by again they came to move the stone to bless the slain with oil and spice anointing hallelujah. But as they went to move the stone. They saw that they were not alone, but Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah

Hallelujah

This week at St. Andrews

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1:00 Faith in Action Gathering 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, Apr. 17 10:00 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr. 18 1:00 PW Mtg 1:30 Finance Mtg 3:00 Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday, Apr. 19 10:00 Knitting Group 10:00 Disciple Bible Study via Zoom 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Peace & Justice Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, Apr. 20 10:30 Revelation Class</p> <p>Friday, Apr. 21 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Saturday, Apr. 22 11:00 Visitation for Betty Cramer 12:00 Memorial Service 1:00 Luncheon Reception</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 23 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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