

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Silver Trumpet"

GILBERT M. MARTIN

"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

Liturgist

**We have been walking, Lord,
on roads of uncertainty and fear,
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.
Join us on our journey, Lord.
By your presence, refresh our spirits,
set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain!"

ST. KEVIN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

When we say, "we don't sin," we deny who we are. But when we say, "there's no way out," we deny who God is. Trusting God's grace to be more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to

think hope is lost. Give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in your world. By your grace, help us hold onto our next second chance, and forge a new road from here. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us and for all of the children of God. **By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! 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,36-41

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Christ Lay in Death's Dark Bonds"

BACH

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"To Know Again"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 762

"When the Poor Ones"

EL CAMINO

*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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" GIOVANNI

*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 247 "Now the Green Blade Rises" NOEL NOUVELET

*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.

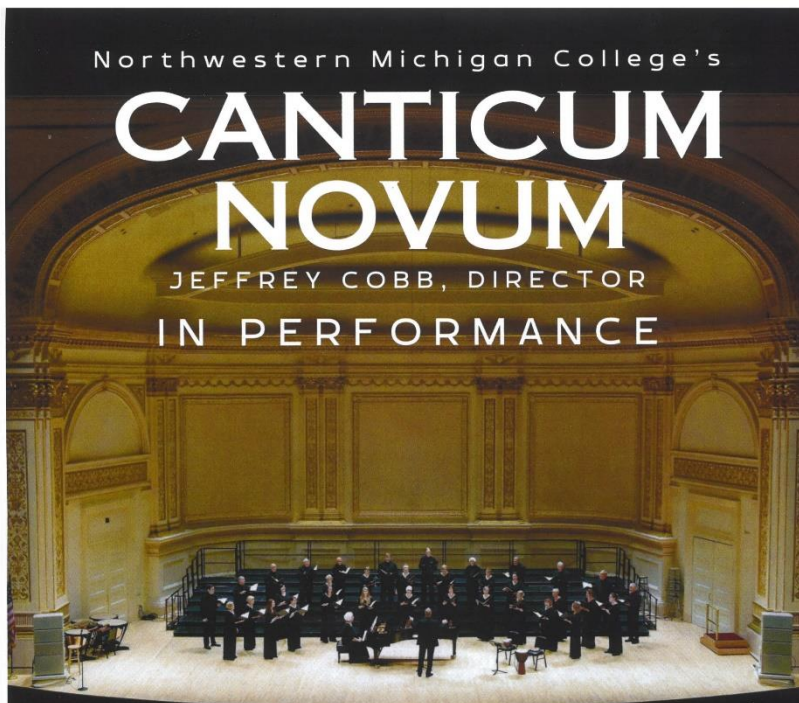
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker" CHRISTOPHER BACH

*Those who are able, please stand.

This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr. 25 3:00 Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday, Apr. 26 10:00 Disciple Bible Study via Zoom 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, Apr. 28 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 30 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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MAY 20 (7:30pm) • Traverse City
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suggested donations of \$15 will be collected at the door

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JECobb@NMC.EDU

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Sunday School Hanging Basket Sale

**PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR FORM
TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY,
MAY 14TH.**

Dates: May 1, 2023 - May 14, 2023

Flower Pick-up: Sunday May 28, 2023 after the service.

How to order: Complete order form below and drop of to church office or call in your order to Deb, 231-882-4241.

Cost: Each basket is \$30.00. Payment is due at time of pick up.

It's that time of year again for the Sunday School Basket Sale! We are pleased to offer the same options for this year's fundraiser as well as a gift card option.

Sun Combo Basket: The same as it has been in the past with a beautiful arrangement of flowers that will flourish in a sunny spot!

Shade Combo Basket: A beautiful basket we have featured in previous sales. This basket offers a variety of flowers that will be wonderful in shady spots.

Red Geranium Basket: A traditional basket with bright red blooms.

\$30 Gift Certificate: Eden Hill will be offering a gift certificate for any item up to \$30! Simply purchase and pick up the gift certificate from our sale and go pick out a plant of your choice from the greenhouse. **Eden Hill Sale Season: April 30— July 10, 2023**

Please note: The Gift Certificates MUST be used by July 10, 2023.