

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

Wm. W. Smith
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

Matthew 25:35b

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is God who draws us here.
We are given a yearning to praise,
the Creator God who is bigger than we are.
We are given a desire to give thanks,
for the bountiful gifts of the Spirit.
It is God who draws us here,
for comfort in a bruising world.
God challenges our half-hearted efforts,
and gives us the reason to go forth with hope.
We will sing, pray and experience the risen Christ!

Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PLEADING SAVIOR

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love. Let us pray:

Merciful God, you have called us to be your witnesses. All too often, we have failed your summons. Occasionally we have hated evil, held fast to the good, and been affectionately devoted to one another. Yet we have seldom been zealous in showing honor, patient in enduring tribulation, or generous in responding to our neighbor. If we have remembered to rejoice with those who rejoice, we have forgotten to weep with those who weep. If we have denounced the flagrant abuses of those in power, we have winked at the vices of those who live around us. For all these transgressions, whether of omission or commission, we ask your forgiveness, O God. Bring balance to our lives. In your name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one. The promise of God is to keep us from anything that binds us and separates us from God and one another. Because God's love, manifest in Jesus Christ, "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end," sets us free. **We are free indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

*RESPONSE 232 (verse 3) "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Unison)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLES: 1 John 5:9-13

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me"

Tallis

THE GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Keeping Our Balance in Faith"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From *The Iona Community Worship Book*)

**We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust:
And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.
Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love"

English Melody

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 76

"Do Not Be Afraid"

ISAIAH

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Rutter

POSTLUDE

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Spanish Melody

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Hilda Quist, Liturgist
Ky and Martha Webb, Ushers
Bob and Pat Graham, Sue Sheffield, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist



ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"ARTS ON THE HILL"
PRESENTS
CANTICUM NOVUM
JEFF COBB, CHORAL DIRECTOR
MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, May 17, 2024

7:30PM

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
8190 Lincoln Rd.
Beulah, Michigan



Fellowship Potluck Brunch

It's been a long winter. Snowbirds have returned and we are anxious to share a meal and some conversation. Our Fellowship MT has arranged a **"Welcome Back"** potluck brunch for **Sunday, May 19th** following worship. Sign up in Gathering Space.



GETTING BACK TO

Summer

**CHERRY BLOSSOM RAMBLERS
FAMILY BAND**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
7PM
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8190 LINCOLN ROAD, BEULAH**

YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING WILL SUPPORT STAMP

**ST. ANDREWS MISSION PROJECT
KEEPING HOMES SAFER, DRIER, AND WARMER**



Visio Divina Displays are getting ready!

Take time next week, before the Potluck to enjoy the works of Art that are displayed in the Gathering Space. These are all created by Congregation Members.



CCE News: The flower sale is here!

Today is the last day to tum in your order.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

We have scheduled **Saturday, May 18** for an ALL CHURCH clean up from 9:00-12:00. For those who don't like being outside, inside work can be done. For those of you that like to be outside, bushes in the gardens need to be pruned, weeding can be done, and many perennials need to be cut back.



This is God's house and we need to take pride in it.



RHONDA EDGINGTON

Organ Recital



Rhonda is the Director of Music at Hope Church.

She has played a number of venues throughout the United States and Germany.

Free will donation at the door.



7PM

May 31, 2024

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