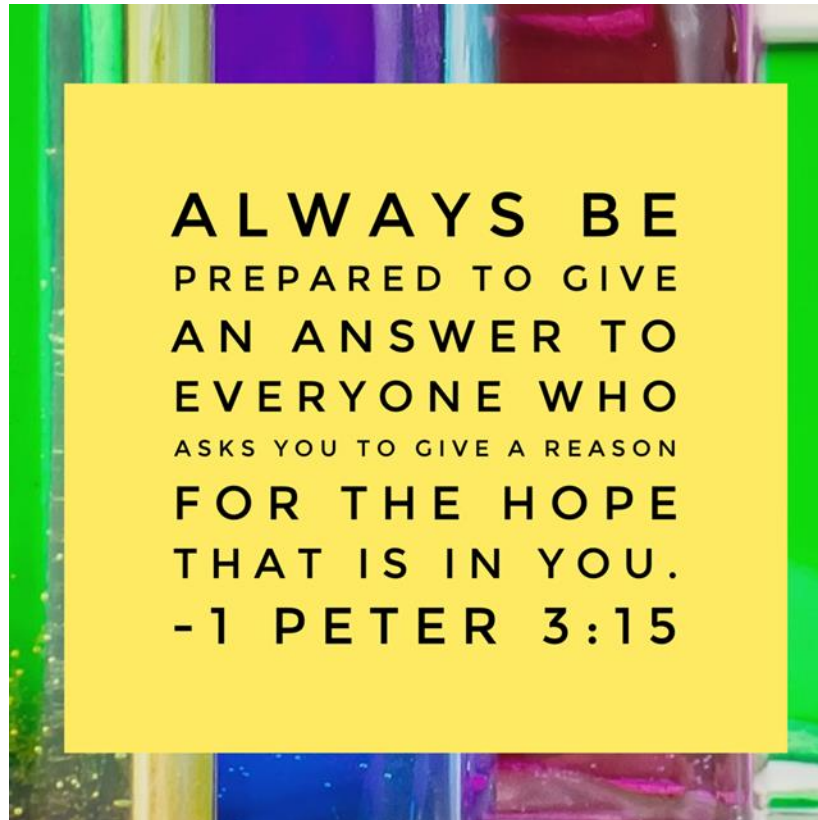


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

TRADITIONAL GAELIC MELODY

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world
Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day
Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world
"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STAMP (St. Andrews Mission Project)

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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Some have worshiped unknown gods, in temples not made by human hands.

We worship the living God, the maker of heaven and earth.

We are called to bring hope and peace to all whom we meet.

Some have searched the whole world to find direction in their lives.

We worship the One who is here, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

**Come, let us worship this living and revealed God,
who is our light and our salvation!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 54

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

DIX

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God's truth, so we can know grace and forgiveness through Christ.

God of life and death, we confess that sometimes we are not alive to the possibilities you offer. In the midst of pain, unfairness, and fear, we find little reason for hope. We feel despair or we blame others, but do not turn to you for help. Forgive us and show us how to share the new life you offer, through Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

If you are serious about the confession you have made, God will bless your efforts and you will feel more "at home" than you have before. Your past is forgotten, your future is open and free. May Christ's words become your personal benediction: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

In Christ we are forgiven. 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 FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (Unison)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

arr. G SCHEER

THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Accounting for Hope"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*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)

Service of Recognition for Graduates of Disciple Bible Study

*Barb Alldredge, Cathy Brown, Al Garbrecht, Melissa Havlin, Susan Hillman,
Sally Keeney, David Main, Caroline Nielsen, Mac and Marilyn Whisner*

Pastor: Let us celebrate with these among us who have faithfully studied the Bible daily, week after week, in order to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Congregation: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (Is 55:12)

Pastor: We are thankful for your commitment to God's Word and recognize your Covenant with others in completing this Disciple Bible Study.

Congregation: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose." (Is 55:10-11)

(Certificates are distributed.)

Congregation: We rejoice in your accomplishment. We anticipate your enriched leadership among us. We seek your guidance in becoming more diligent in study of scripture and in discipleship.

Closing Prayer: Gracious God, we give thanks that you remain our true home. And we give thanks for these disciples. May they continue to live in your Word. And may their example kindle in our hearts the desire to dwell more faithfully with you in study and service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love"

HOPSON

*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 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

*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 "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"

SCHOLTES

*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, May 16 1:00 PW Mtg with Bonnie Garbrecht</p> <p>Wednesday, May 17 9:30 Hole-Y Diggers 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, May 18 10:30 Revelation Bible Study</p> <p>Friday, May 12 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, May 21 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship—Pentecost 12:00 "Welcome Back" Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 7:00 Concert on the Hill "Beach and Buffett"</p>
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CONCERT ON THE HILL
presents

**SUNDAY, MAY 21
7PM**

all donations will benefit



beach & buffett

The best of Jimmy Buffett, the Beach Boys and Tropical Rock



**JUNE
19-23**

Making homes in the Benzie Area
SAFER DRIER WARMER



The St. Andrews Mission Project has now made a difference in the lives of over 100 families in our area! This year we are working at 14 to 15 sites to make these homes safer, drier, warmer!

How Can I Help?

We need workers to do construction and on-construction projects at each site. We also need workers at the church to run errands, make deliveries, cook breakfast, etc.

Sign up in person at church or click the link below to signup online.

St. Andrews Mission Project

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Coming to St. Andrews
Presbyterian Border Ministry Mission Co-Workers



MARK ADAMS & MIRIAM MALDONADO ESCOBAR



Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar, Presbyterian Church (USA) mission coworkers, are coming to St. Andrews Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4 to talk about their ministry with Frontera de Cristo (fronteradecristo.org), a binational ministry on the US/Mexico border at Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Mark serves as the Co-coordinator of Frontera de Cristo and Miriam is a member of the staff. Mark and Miriam have visited St. Andrews before and we are excited to have them back again. St. Andrews is a long time supporter of Frontera de Cristo and its partners in ministry, particularly Cafe Justo which processes and sells coffee.



Please plan to be with us on June 3 and 4 to welcome Mark and Miriam and learn about the important ministries at the border they are undertaking as part of the mission ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

5:30-7:30PM
JUNE 3 MEXICAN DINNER

9:00AM
JUNE 4 ADULT ED W/ MARK & MIRIAM

10:30AM
JUNE 4 MARK ADAMS PREACHING

Creation Care

Presented by the Adult Education Ministry Team

We are not the owners of creation; rather,
“the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1).

We are excited to invite you to a series of Creation Care classes. These will focus on how we can be better stewards of the environment and learn ways to care for our planet. We will cover a range of topics from ways to support our local pollinators to how to protect the Great Lakes.

We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about the care of God's creation. Please join us for these informative and engaging discussions and help us create a more sustainable future for generations to come.

**Classes will be held Tuesday evenings
at 7PM. Stay for cookies and ice
cream in the Gathering Space
following each class.**

June 13 - Rev. Margie (overview of Creation Care series)

June 27 - Carolyn Thayer (Designs in Bloom)

July 25 - Jim Olson (FLOW aka For Love of Water)

August 8 - David Milarch (ArchAngel Tree Archive)

August 22 - Cheryl Gross (Plant It Wild)