

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

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Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHP

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 148)

Liturgist

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!
Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!
Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth, praise the Lord!
Old and young together; all people praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray:

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to Reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE

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

Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life. Hear the good news: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. You are made anew! **May we always be known by Christ's love. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

- CHILDREN'S BLESSING
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist
- THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION: Revelation 21:1-6
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
- CHORAL ANTHEM "Prayer of Teresa of Avila" Lowenberg
- THE GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
- SERMON "Will It Be Our Finest?"

THE RESPONSE

- *HYMN 316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" TWENTY-FOURTH
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *Confession of 1967*, Inclusive Language)
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY "Cantabile" Peeters
*THE DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

- *HYMN 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
- *COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION
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

The blessing of the eternal, triune God –
Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end –
be with you all.

Alleluia!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

POSTLUDE

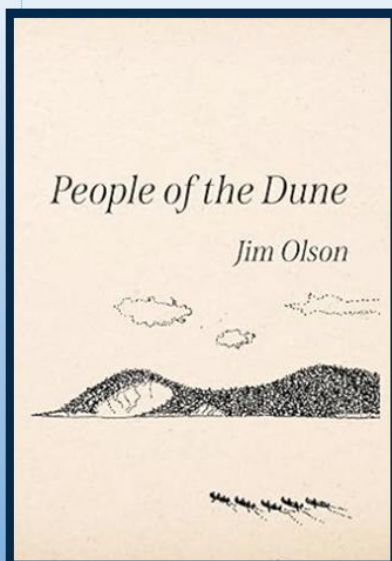
"March in D Major"

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Scott Gravelie, Liturgist
Paul and Marcia Walters, Ushers
Judy McQuilkin, Jennifer and Ernie Abel, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Laurence Smith, Guest Organist



Join us for a Book Discussion

Jim Olson will lead a
discussion on his recently
published nonfiction book,
"People of the Dune".

When: Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 P.M.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

8190 Lincoln Rd.

Beulah, MI.



**The PW Meeting is this Tuesday
(May 20) at Bonnie Alban's
home:
7038 Platte Rd. Beulah, MI
(Please note this corrected address)**



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
MISSION MINISTRY

We call it STAMP, our St Andrews Mission Project that 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!***

WHEN DO WE WORK?
Any day from June 16-20

HOW CAN I HELP?

We need workers to do construction and non-construction projects at each site. We also need workers at the church to run errands, make deliveries, cook breakfast, etc. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

CAN I HELP DONATE TO THE PROJECT?

You better believe it! Our budget is \$17,000.

***10 Windows and Casings at
\$400 each***

8 - 10 Doors at \$400 each

***Wheel Chair Ramps at \$1500+
each***



Please write your check to St. Andrews
with STAMP in the memo line.