

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



May 21, 2023

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

#### PRELUDE

"How Great is Our God"

*"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

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

What a glorious vision!

**Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate.**

Then he ascended to God.

**What joy there must have been in the hearts of the disciples.**

May God find such joy in our hearts and spirits!

**May we be prepared by God for the mighty works placed before us!**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

**We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

We are God's people created, loved and forgiven. The God of all grace has called us by name. God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us. **This is good news to celebrate! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

### ***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S TIMES

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 1:6-14

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (Unison)

**Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.**

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to God's eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Putting Our Energy Where It Matters”

***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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**THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*JERRY HEIMAN, KY AND MARTHA WEBB*

PRESENTATION

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) (See Insert)

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

We have publicly professed your faith. Will you be faithful members of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION

Will you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ and of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Beulah, Michigan, promise to love and care for Jerry, Ky and Martha, to welcome them into the fellowship of this church family; to teach them and to learn from them and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, increase their faith, confirm their hope, and encourage them in love?

**We will, with God's help.**

PRAYER

(The congregation is invited to raise hands in a gesture of blessing toward our new members.)

WELCOME (Unison)

Congregation

**You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other in the family of God. We rejoice in the God given gifts you bring to Christ's Church and to us. Welcome to this congregation, its worship and ministry.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”

HUDSON

\*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 543                      "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"                      GREEN TYLER  
(Verses 1, 4 & 5 - All; Verse 2 - Women; Verse 3 - Men)

\*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                      "A Mighty Fortress/Awesome God"                      LUTHER/MULLINS

\*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Paul Williams, Liturgist  
Al and Bonnie Garbrecht, Ushers  
Tim Ismiel, Linda Kozak, Greeters  
Michael Beery, Choir Director  
Polly Mauer, Pianist

This week at St. Andrews

<p><b>Today</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 "Welcome Back" Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 7:00 Concert on the Hill "Beach and Buffett"</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 23</b> 1:30 Finance Team Mtg</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 24</b> 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 25</b> 9:30 Hole-Y Diggers</p> <p><b>Friday, May 26</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 28</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship—Pentecost 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Don't forget to pick up your flowers from CCE</b></p>
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CONCERT ON THE HILL *presents* **beach & buffett**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21  
7PM**

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

all donations will benefit



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

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](http://fronteradecristo.org)), a binational ministry on the US/Mexico border at Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Interested? Find out more online or on the posters in the Gathering Space.



**JUNE 3 - Mexican Dinner**

**JUNE 4 - Adult Ed. w/ Mark Adams**

**JUNE 4 - Mark Adams Preaching**

