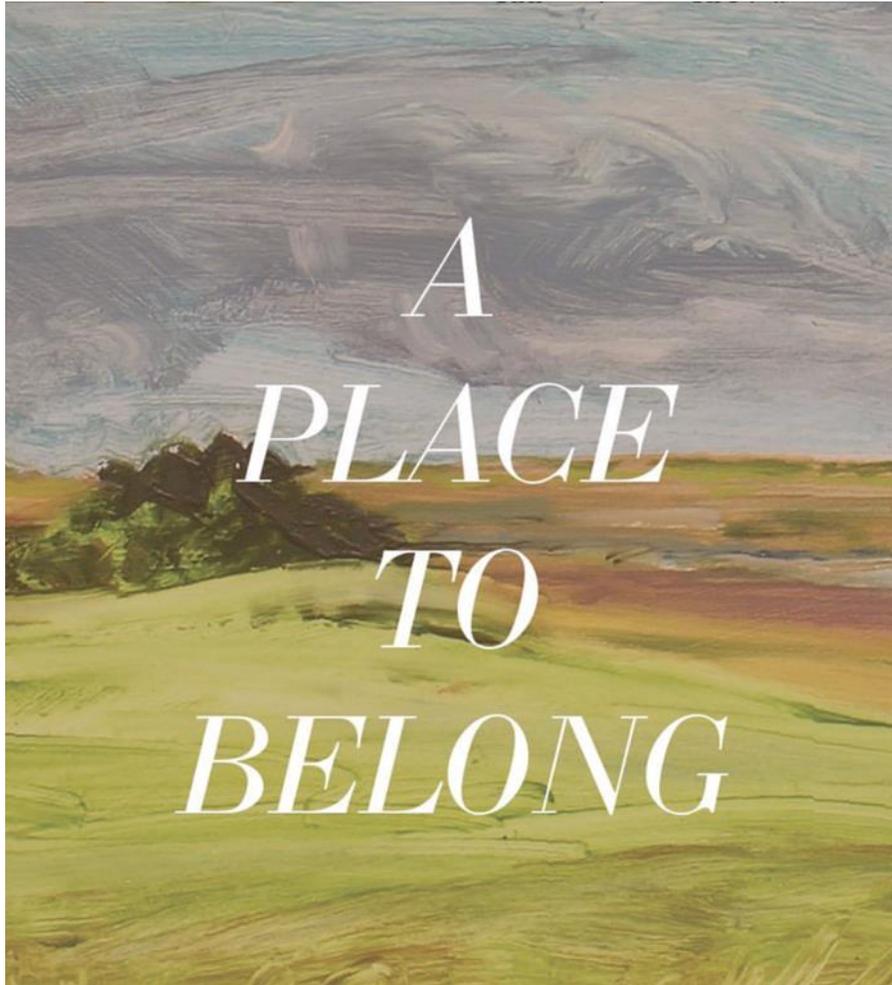


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



May 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Lord, as to Thy Dear Cross we Flee"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

DONALD BUSAROW
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Remain In Touch

Connie Eisenhart

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

May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cover us with the radiance of grace.

May your way be known everywhere, God:

in the hidden places of our hearts;

in the comfort of our homes;

in every corner of your world;

in the farthest reaches of creation.

You transform us; you heal our lives; you renew the earth and every creature:

Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

HANSON PLACE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Do not let your hearts be troubled, but confess your sins and God will give you peace.
Let us pray:

**We confess how often it is true of us, O God, that when difficult times come
and we are trapped in the little worlds of our own making, we don't look up**

to see the signs of hope you hold for us. Restore to us, we pray, the vision of new life with new beginnings and the promise of your grace in the strength of your love; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and love. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion, Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love and use them to make the world whole. **Christ does not call us to be perfect in our love, only willing – willing to grow in love for God and others. The message of the gospel is that when we come to Christ with willing hearts, they are transformed into God’s heart. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

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 Liturgist

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS: Acts 16:9-15

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“For The Beauty of The Earth”

JOHN RUTTER

THE GOSPEL READING: John 5:1-9

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Is Life on Hold?”

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 177

“I Will Come to You”

YOU ARE MINE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" HANS-ARNOLD METZGER

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (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 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" FRITZ LUBRICH

*Those who are able, please stand.

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday, May 23 12:00 Benzie Historical Society Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, May 24 10:30 Congregational Care Mtg 3:00 Peace and Justice Mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 25 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sunday, May 29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Don't forget to pick up your flowers</p>
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Words of Love

A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments

For many years Rev. Eugenia Anne Gamble taught retreats and classes on the Ten Commandments. The results of her many interactions with people and of her study is the book, ***Words of Love: A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments.***

Please join us as we read and discuss the book this summer. Rev. Anne will lead as we dive into each of the commandments with the author and find that they are more than a list of ancient rules. Readers will discover that the Ten Commandments are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile creation to Creator and God's people to one another. And, because of the nature of this study, you can come to one of the classes or all of them. Simply read the chapter for that week and join us. In other words, you don't have to commit to the whole thing in order to participate.

**Classes will meet on Thursdays at 10:30AM–
Beginning June 16.**

Detailed sign up and information will be in your Email
and in the June Newsletter.



We are excited to announce Sunday School will begin again on Memorial Day Sunday, May 29. It will be led by our newly organized nursery team, Alex Robotham and Isabella Atkinson.

CCE is very excited to reinstate this program for the summer months. Please feel free to bring children, grandchildren, or family guests to the service and the children will be welcome to come to Sunday School or Nursery.

Authors of St. Andrews

Join us for an evening of conversation with each of our St. Andrews' writers. Our event will include an interview with the author, followed by an audience Q & A and ending with ice cream and cookies.

Tuesday, June 14 at 7PM

Jon Hawley

***Guardians of the Manitou Passage:
A Chronicle of Service to Lake Michigan
Mariners, 1840-1915***

Learn about history of the lifesavers and lightkeepers who battled high winds and waves, frigid temperatures and icy shores, during their mission to protect lives on perilous Lake Michigan.



Watch your email for future events in July and August.