

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“I ask... that they may all be one.”

John 17:21

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Poco Allegretto"

CESAR FRANCK

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 97)

Liturgist

God reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

and all the peoples behold God's glory.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

(Verses 1, 2 & 4)

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us approach God with confidence that our confession will be heard. Let us pray:

O God, you are like a weaver in our lives. Out of the expanding energy of creation you have spun each of us into a unique, colorful strand with our own special hue and texture; you have woven us together into a single family that blankets the globe. We admit that we have rent the fabric of your design. We have allowed ourselves to be bound by the narrow contexts of race, age, gender and ideology. Open our hearts, so that we may once again celebrate the wonder of the human fabric and the dignity of all. In the name of Christ, who lived and died "that all may be one."

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners. Siblings, believe the promise of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

THE GOSPEL READING: John 17:20-26

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

ROBERTA BITGOOD

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Bringing Love Into Being"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 50

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(From the Iona Community in Scotland)

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, in the service of others, 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Andantino"

CESAR FRANCK

*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.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Maestoso"

CESAR FRANCK

From: "Seven Pieces for Organ"