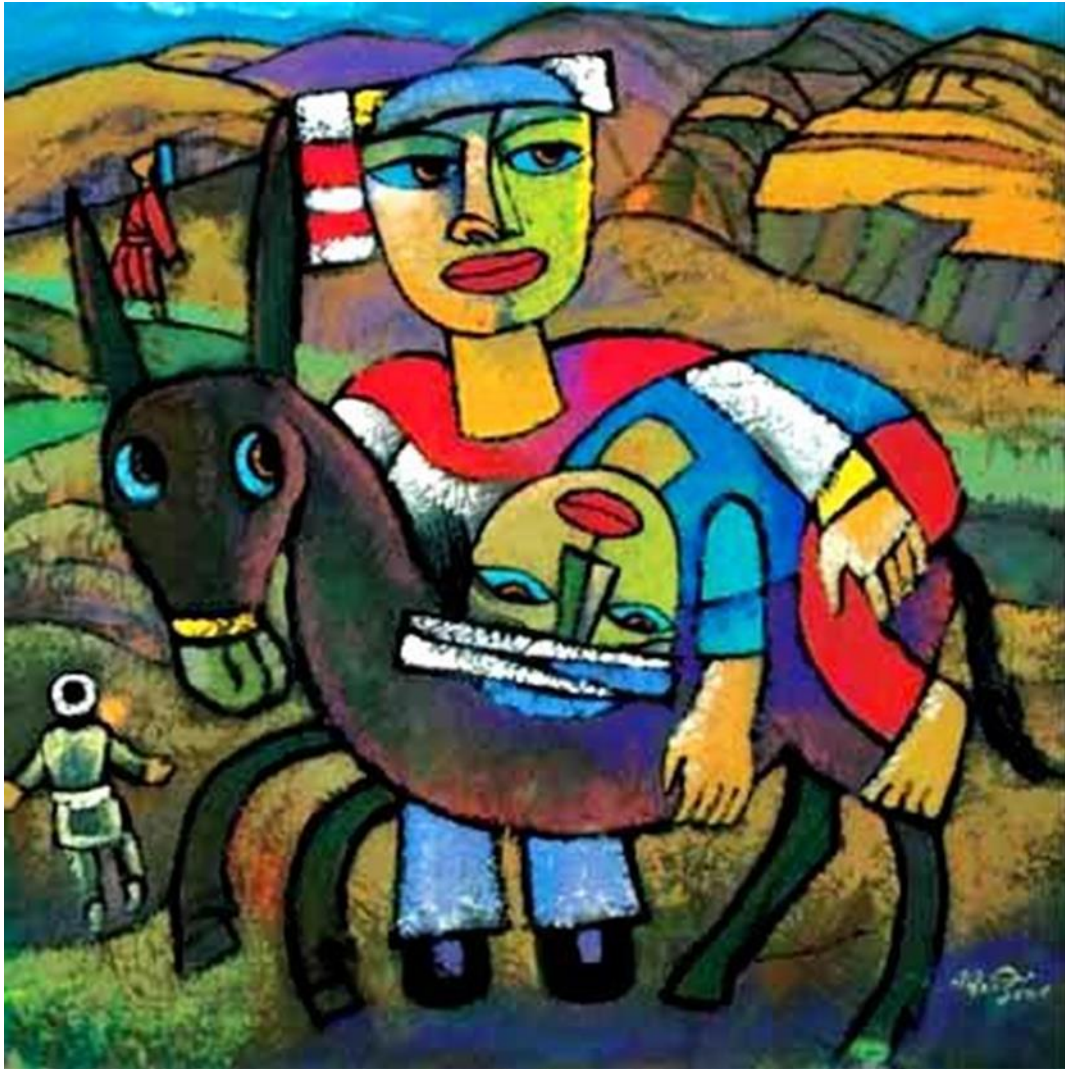


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



June 18, 2023

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"This is My Father's World" arr. RANEY
"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 (From the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*) Liturgist
O God, who called all life into being,
The earth, sea and sky are yours.
Your presence is all around us,
Every atom is full of your energy.
Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
With your Spirit we yearn for justice to be done,
For creation to be freed from bondage,
For the hungry to be fed,
For captives to be released,
For your reign of peace to come on earth.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The proof of God's love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Assured already of God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't

cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and the endurance to persevere until the day when you reign over all creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations. **We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. 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

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:35-10:23
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "It's All About the Gut"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" THE SERVANT SONG

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

We believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ, who comes to free the captives, heal the sick, and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

We believe in a continually creating God who calls us to costly love.

We believe in a continually caring Christ whose example encourages us to risk ourselves for the sake of the gospel.

We believe in a continually healing Holy Spirit whose power enables us to share one another's burdens.

We believe in a continually caring community called the church, which is the physical presence of Christ in the world.

We believe in a continually redeeming gospel that brings wholeness and healing to each child of God.

We believe in continually committing our lives to freedom and justice and healing, sharing our belief that the God who created us calls us still.

We believe in continually participating in Christ's mission to live out the gospel in the world. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR STAMP

Questions of Commitment to Volunteers and Supporters

Question to Congregation

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our sisters and brother in Christ who have answered God's call to serve. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are comfortable doing so, please stand and witness to the commitment we now make?

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the mission to which you are called. We promise to love you, honor your work and assist you, so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Commissioning Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

MEDEMA

*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 746

"Send Me, Jesus"

THUMA MINA

*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

"I've Got the Joy!"

arr. CHOPLIN

*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>Monday, June 19—June 23 STAMP Work Week</p> <p>Tuesday, June 20 6:00 PW: Salad Dessert Dinner @Chris Jahr's</p> <p>Wednesday, June 21 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, June 23 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Saturday, June 24 9:30 Visitation— Russ Brandt 10:30 Memorial Service— Russ Brandt</p> <p>Sunday, June 25 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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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 that we will be hosting in the coming weeks. The classes 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.

Our hope is that these classes will equip you with practical tools and resources to make positive changes in your daily life and encourage you to take action in your community. We believe that together, we can make a significant impact on the health of our planet and its inhabitants.

We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about caring for God's creation and wants to make a difference in the world. Please join us for this 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)

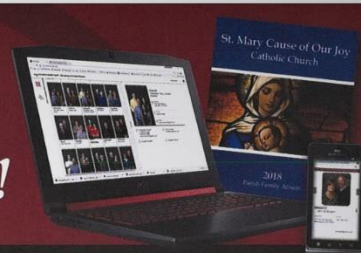
July 25 - Jim Olson (FLOW aka For Love of Water)

August 8 - David Milarch (ArchAngel Tree Archive)

August 22 - Cheryl Gross (Plant It Wild)

Make your appointment today!
Appointments for Aug. 3, 4, or 5th
Stop at the desk in the Gathering Space
following this service.

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*

