

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Consider the Sparrows”

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June 25, 2023

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Poor Wayfarin' Stranger"

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"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

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 22

"God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

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 forget to 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, Lord of life and love. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:24-39
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "A World We Are Called to Live Toward"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" LES PETITES SOEURS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (Ephesians 2:6-11)

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him**

**and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

GABRIEL

*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 661

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

SPARROW

*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

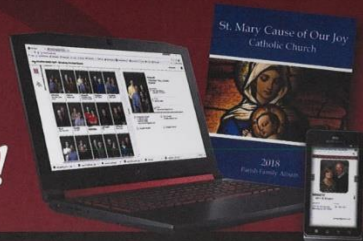
"The Trees of the Field"
("You Shall Go Out with Joy")

DAUERMAN

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

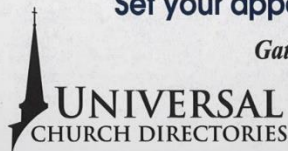
Connections Event

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.*



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 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)

