

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. RANEY

"*Be still and know that I am God.*"

Psalm 46:10

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING OF 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.)

INTROIT:

Jubilate Deo, Michael Praetorius (1571 – 1621)

Jubilate Deo, Alleluia!

Sing to God a New Song, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

O God of creations and transformations, who endlessly makes new beginnings,
inspire us by your perpetual creativity.

Call us to change, to dig deeply within ourselves, to find the uncultivated capabilities, the undiscovered diamonds and reserves of resources buried within.

With your belief in us, Almighty God, and your great hand to support us, all things are possible.

In our worship and in our living, we seek once again to balance ourselves and to learn something new.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 412

"God, Reveal Your Presence"

ARNSBERG

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Siblings in Christ, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of

adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of your children of God. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE

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

Hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally and irrevocably: You are my own. You are forgiven. I need you to be about my business in the world. **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 EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12-25

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Sunrise (Lauds) from Four Sacred Songs for the Night by Houston Bright

Written in 1961, the composition contains (1.) Evensong (Vespers,) (2.) Nightfall (Compline,) (3.) Dawn (Matins,) and (4.) Sunrise (Lauds.)

*The rising sun appears in gladsome light and now the sweet new day dispels the night.
Alleluia!*
*And all the world is robed in molten gold which warms the earth and drives away the cold.
Alleluia!*
*The hand of God hath wrought another day and decked the virgin morn in colors gay.
Alleluia!*
*As leaf and flower revive in morning dew, so faith and hope and courage spring anew.
Alleluia!*
*Then let us all rejoice and sing His praise who fashions all our nights and all our days.
Alleluia!*
*And while the radiant morning grows along, O come and bless the Lord with psalm and song.
Alleluia!*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"How Does Your Garden Grow?"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

THE *ORDINATION, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF RULING ELDERS

*Jill Claybour, *Bonnie Garbrecht, *Melissa (Missi) Hamp, *Catherine (Cathy) Stephenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY:

Hymn to Freedom

Words by Harriette Hamilton

Music by Oscar Peterson (1925 – 2007,) (A Canadian treasure).

*When every heart joins every heart and together yearns for liberty,
that's when we'll be free.*

*When every hand joins every hand and together molds our destiny,
that's when we'll be free.*

*Any hour, any day, the time soon will come when we will live in dignity,
that's when we'll be free.*

*When everyone joins in our song and together singing harmony,
that's when we'll be free.*

*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

*HYMN (Front Flap of Hymnal) "The Spirit of St. Andrews"

Tim Edwards

*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

CHORAL POSTLUDE:

If I Can Help Somebody
African-American tune
Arrangement, Kathleen Leach

*If I can help somebody as I go along,
If I can cheer somebody with a word or a song,
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
Then my living shall not be in vain. Amen!*

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Bonnie Garbrecht, Liturgist
John and Margaret Witt, Ushers
Marsha and Harold Case, JoAnne Beare, Carla Gipson, Greeters
Kathleen Leach, Women's Choir Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

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, July 24 1:30 Endowment Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, July 25 7:00 Creation Care Class</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 26 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, July 28 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, July 30 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.

