

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Perfect Wisdom of our God"

TOWNSEND

The perfect wisdom of our God,
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:

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Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.

He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

"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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Praise God, whom alone we worship and serve and to whom alone
we give our lives.

**Praise the Lord, to whom "every knee shall bow and every
tongue confess."**

Praise God, to whom we belong, in life and in death.

**For nothing can "separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord."**

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and
penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**God of love and tenderness, you call us from the chaos of our lives as we are,
with our hopes and fears and preoccupations with worldly things. Embrace
each of us now as we confess our sins. Forgive us for the opportunities we
miss, for squandering our gifts, for squandering our time, for simply being too
busy to do things that really matter. Remind us again of your love and your
tender mercy. Where we have fallen short of doing your will, forgive us.
Where we have neglected others, forgive us. For the messes we make of our
lives and those of others, forgive us. Guide us and protect us with your loving
kindness. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

*RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace” (Verse 4)
**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

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 HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: I Kings 3:5-12
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Good News for This Day”

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 771

“What Is the World Like”

NEW WORLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and
renewer of life.**

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

arr. RANEY

*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 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

*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

"Amen!"

arr. SCHRADER

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Nick Alban, Liturgist
Al and Bonnie Garbrecht, Ushers
Marcia Korwin, Suzie Anderson, Sally and Dennis Keeney, Greeters
Michael Beery, 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 31 7:00 BASO Rehearsal</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug 1 4:00 Worship Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug 2 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, Aug 3 2:00 Peace and Justice Mtg 2:00 to 8:00 PHOTOS</p> <p>Friday, Aug 4 9:00 Men's Breakfast 2:00 to 8:00 PHOTOS</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 5 10:00 to 4:00 PHOTOS</p> <p>Sunday, Aug 6 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

