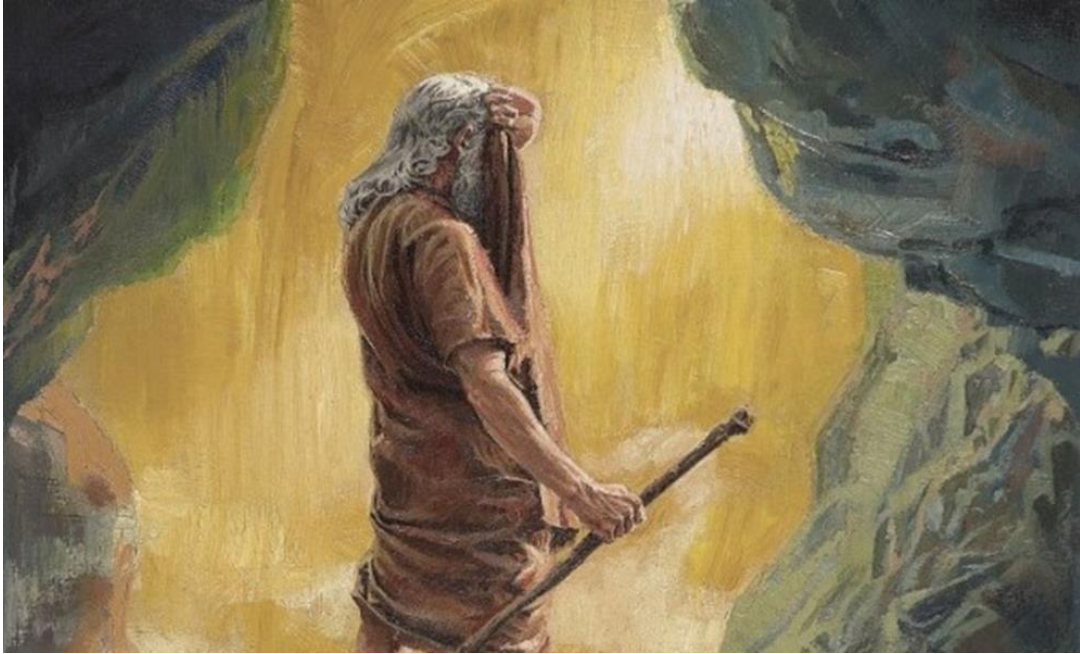


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

CÉSAR 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 (from Psalm 42)

Liturgist

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

How I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 26

"Earth and All Stars!"

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us from leading faithful lives as God's people.

God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize you leading our lives – to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

God shows us how to search for and know God. It's up to us to believe and trust that no wrong we have done and no good we have failed to do, is too great for God's pardon. Friends, hear and believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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 READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Matthew 14:22-33

Happy are those who delight in God's word. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"God of the Sparrow"

VAJDA/SCHALK

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT: I Kings 19:9-18

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Silence"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 11

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

ABERYSTWYTH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit

neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

GLORIA PATRI (581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Offertoire"

CÉSAR FRANCK

*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 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*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

"Maestoso"

CÉSAR FRANCK

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Nick Alban, Liturgist
Jane Elzerman, Lara Bramer, Ushers
John and Barb Lund, Jeri and Ron Bushong, Greeters
Michael Beery, Choir Director
Tim Quist, Organist
Jennifer Adkins, Soloist

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, August 14 2:00 BACN Exec. Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, August 15 7:00 BASO Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, August 16 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, August 17 9:00 Hole-Y Diggers 4:30 Mission Mtg</p> <p>Friday, August 18 9:00 Men's Breakfast-Platte River Inn 3:00 Lenford/Kober Wedding</p> <p>Sunday, August 20 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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Children's Sunday School needs your help!

We are collecting school supplies for our local schools to have on hand for children in need. Please donate notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, scissors, glue, post-its, highlighters etc. for us to distribute to several schools. A marked bin is located in the Gathering Space, as you enter. Overflow items can go on the bench before walking downstairs to Edwards Hall.

We will be collecting items until **September 3**.

Thank you so much for your support.

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.



Remembering Your Story . . . *Pat Sheafor*

Sometimes, as we sit around a fire or dining table with friends and family, we start to tell stories. A researcher of history recently commented, "*It was a mazing, as soon as their stories started to be told, they came alive.*" The importance of sharing our stories is that we all have them and if we don't write them down, they are lost to our families when we are gone.

Come to the Darcy Library on August 21st from 3 to 4 p.m. for an hour of descriptions of two possible ways to get started on YOUR story. Pat will share her experience with these possible, friendly ways to write your stories - as short or as long as you wish to make them, as detailed, serious and funny as you want them to be.

The trick is to get started!

A poster for a discussion titled "Being a Christian LGBTQ Ally". The background is a rainbow gradient with a white cloud-like shape on the right side containing colorful hearts. The text is arranged in a vertical column on the left. At the bottom left is a logo for the "Bevyle Area Pride Alliance" featuring a rainbow heart and hands. On the right side of the poster is a photograph of a man in white clerical attire with a red stole, identified as Deacon Beckett Joseph LeClaire.

Please consider joining us for a discussion about "Being a Christian LGBTQ Ally"

Sunday, August 27, 2023
12:00 Noon
Following coffee hour
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Featuring Deacon Beckett Joseph LeClaire

SAVE THE DATE

September 17

Picnic at Rev. Anne's
Following Sunday's Service.
Watch for more information
in September Newsletter.