

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Stephen Carter Bailey's Bread Purse: I Knead
The Great British Bake Off

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Psalm 46:10

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

Liturgist

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.

Gather us in, the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

Gather us in from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes.

Gather us in to be found at the feast.

Gather us in, God. Gather us in.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us go to God with in confession. Let us pray:

Holy God, you see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the unholy habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. Even knowing all truth about us, you love us. Give us strength and conviction to walk toward you, to change our ways. Forgive us and heal us. Open us to your transforming grace through the power and love of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven; be at peace. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE READING FROM HEBREWS: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Responsively)

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful.

So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth.

People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it.

But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

The Word of God. The Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Purses, Hearts and Treasures"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 716

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

THE *ORDINATION, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF RULING ELDERS

Lara Bramer, Erik and Caroline Nielsen

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (581)

The Eucharist

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, Creator of the universe...and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Above all we give you thanks...As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving...Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Meal

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake.

As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup.

If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

Communion Hymn 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 536

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

SURGE ECCLESIA

*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