

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G major" J.S. BACH

"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

Moment for Stewardship – Judy Ross

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 (Adapted from Psalm 98) Liturgist

Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not human love which can be fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

Let the seas roar their praise and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 371 "New Songs of Celebration Render" RENDEZ À DIEU

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

In the light of Christ, we see the difficulties in our world and how we have participated in them. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. We rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. We want to put our trust in you so that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

This is the good news: There is no ranking in God's realm. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. Our God has kept the covenant! **In Christ Jesus we are forgiven and have been made new people. 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

Liturgist

THE READING FROM THE PSALTER: Psalm 98

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10

The Word of God. The Word of Life.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"When Will the Guests Arrive?"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 276

"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

SING A NEW SONG

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith (4.5)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God.

Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND MAKING OUR PRAYERFUL PLEDGES FOR 2023

(You are invited to come forward with your offering and/or pledge card and place it in the basket; if you have already made your monetary pledge, you may also make another form of commitment to bring forward, writing it on the back of the pledge card. You might make a commitment to participate in a Bible study, to make prayer more central part in your life, to volunteer at the church or another organization, to make a place in your life for more connection to God. You could commit to visit the homebound, to be present more often in church or to accomplish something you have been meaning to do for God.)

COMMITMENT HYMN 697

"Take My Life "

HENDON

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

God of the universe and of all the earth, although our offerings are sums of substance, we are the gifts you desire. Unfold our hopes, open us to your

**service, use us well. Lead us as your church on this great adventure!
Magnify our giving as we make a joyful noise to your gracious presence
among us. In the name of the One who was born the Light of the word.
Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*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

"Psalm 19"

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

*Those who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary directly after the benediction. Because our worship is primarily toward God and in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we refrain from applause. In our culture, applause is how we show appreciation for a performance. However, in worship, we are the "performers" for God. Thus, our singing, the music played, a solo or any other musical offering is an offering to God.)

This Week at St. Andrews

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour Dessert 11:45 Silent Auction</p> <p>4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:00 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday, September 12 8:00 BSR Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, September 13 1:30 Finance Mtg 4:00 Worship Mtg 4:00 BACN Finance Mtg 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 14 1:00 Centering Prayer 4:00 BACN Board Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, September 15 10:30 Class: "Journeys Through Revelation" 11:45 Adult Ed Mtg 4:30 Mission Mtg</p> <p>Saturday, September 17 4:00 Counts Renewal Ceremony</p> <p>Sunday, September 11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship– Silent Auction 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:00 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p>
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Journeys Through Revelation

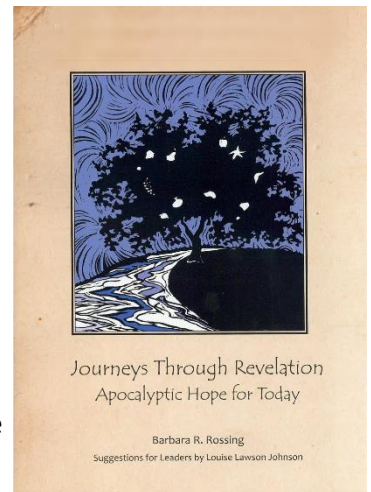
Apocalyptic Hope for Today

Please join us as we read and discuss *Journeys Through Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, Revelation is a book of hope that has sustained the oppressed through the ages. In the nine lessons included in *Journeys Through Revelation*, the author leads us to a renewed creation in which God comes to live with us on earth. Classes will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30AM

Books have been ordered and will be delivered to the church office. They can be purchased for \$10. The Adult Ed Ministry Team will absorb the remaining cost. We want

everyone who is interested to join in, so if there is any concern about the cost, please speak with Rev. Anne.

We hope to have you join us as we study this brilliantly hope-filled vision which speaks to us in the midst of the urgent crises of our day.



Bazaar Bakery

Put on your apron and go through Grandma's recipes, or make some of your own favorites for this year's Bazaar International Bakesale.

Please **PLATE THEM**, add a **LABEL** with the name of the product any special information (such as "nuts", "Gluten Free", "lactose free", etc) and **PRICE**.

PRICE THEM AND WRAP THEM IN SEE-THROUGH FILM WRAP—READY TO GO OUT THE DOOR.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE DOWNSTAIRS BAKERY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Suggested prices:

Cookies- \$3/half dozen, \$5/dozen

Cakes- \$8 for 12 serving size, \$5 for 6 serving size

Brownies/Bars- \$5 for 8x8 pan

Muffins- \$3/half dozen, \$5/dozen

Pies- \$8— a crowd favorite

Breads- \$6

Jams, Jellies, Canned goods- \$5/ small, \$6/ large jars

All baked goods are welcome!! If you make it, we will sell it!!

Questions? Call Kathleen Leach: 231-352-6828