

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Have Courage”

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Aria"

FLOR PEETERS

"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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: Cathy Stephenson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

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

"The Lord is my Strength"

Peg Sargent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment,

God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults. Let us pray:

We have such a hard time fathoming you, O God, for you are so vast, so deep, so powerful and so full of love. Yet you are also so subtle, so gentle, so

peaceful and so light. We keep trying to define you, limit you and create you in our image. We want to turn you into a safe God whom we can control. But the truth is you cannot be tamed, for you are the great "I Am" who gives to us out of deep and gracious love. You are the servant God who cannot be enslaved but who serves us in love. Help us to form reverent and courageous hearts so that we can truly be your people, open to your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, **for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 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 HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3:1-15

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 12:9-21

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

CURRY

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Faithful Courage"

THE RESPONSE

*Hymn 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Adoro te Devote"

MARK RIPPE

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe...who sing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise to you for the gift of this holy meal...Great is the mystery of faith:

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

O God of resurrection and new life,...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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: 510

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

COME, SHARE THE LORD

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*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

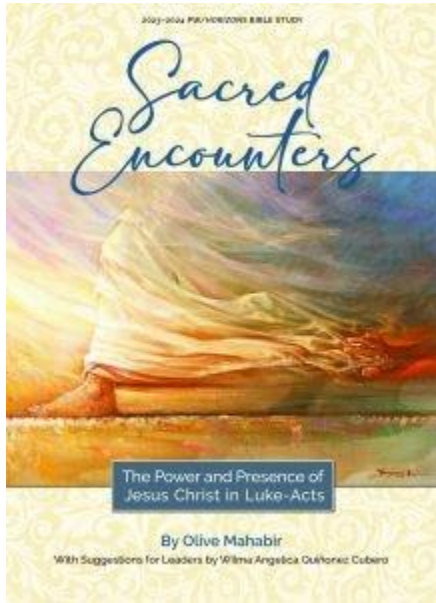
"St Denio"

WILBUR HELD

*Those who are able, please stand.

This week at St. Andrews:

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| <p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, September 4 Office Closed (Labor Day)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 5 4:00 Worship Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, September 6 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Thursday, September 7 1:00 Arts on the Hill Mtg</p> <p>Friday, September 8 9:00 Men's Breakfast-Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, September 10 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> |
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You are invited to join us on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May as we explore ***Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke/Acts*** by Olive Mahabir. Within the pages of this study, the author encourages us to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

We will meet at 10:30AM on: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, and May 14. Books for the study are available in the church office. The cost is \$10 per book.

If you prefer to meet by Zoom at 10:30AM on the Thursday following the above dates, please let us know when you sign up.

Trip to the Holy Land

On Tuesday, **September 12 at 6:00PM**, Rev. Anne Hébert and Rev. Jack Harnish will host a meeting to answer questions and explore what the journey to the Holy Land in February will be like. Please join us at St. Andrews for more information on this exciting trip!

