

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Songs in the Key of Faith

June 30, 2024

6th Sunday After Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

Paul Manz
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Soft summer rain falling on parched earth,
Waters of God, flow down upon us.
Torrential floods ripping lives into pieces,
Waters of God, have mercy upon us.
Soaking waters that nourish the seed,
Waters of God, replenish us.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, we confess we take so much for granted: a roof over our heads, water whenever we want it, air-conditioning when it is too warm and heat when it is too cold.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

O God, we confess that too many times we believe that people are poor because they do not work hard enough, they suffer because they make bad choices or they do not act responsibly.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

O God, we confess we have failed to see that you want *everyone* to be protected from the scorching sun above and the withering judgment of others below. Forgive us when we have been thoughtless. Have mercy on us when we have been reckless with what you provide. Help us to be mindful of others who need some of the shade and fresh water we have at our disposal. And so that our repentance might be found true in your sight, may our change of hearts and actions bring relief and joy to your suffering ones.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Since we are forgiven in Jesus Christ, may our expressions of gratitude never deafen our ears to the cries of those in need. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in the kind of love we all need. **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

Let us pray:

Still us, God, so we might listen to you – to the Word you have for us today. May it be a Word we take to heart since you know, see and love us. May it be a Word of truth we live by. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 69:1-12

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.

More in number than the hairs of my head
are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me,
my enemies who accuse me falsely.
What I did not steal
must I now restore?
O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me,
O Lord GOD of hosts;
do not let those who seek you be dishonoured because of me,
O God of Israel.
It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.
When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.
I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

THE UNISON READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 69:13-21

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Do not let the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up or the Pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me. Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

You know the insults I receive and my shame and dishonor; my foes are all known to you. Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Christ, Walk Beside Me As I Go”

BREASTPLATE

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 69:22-36

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Deep Waters”

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 478

“Save Me, O God; I Sing in Floods”

SALVATION

*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 (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Aria"

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

SHOWALTER

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Paul Manz

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Nick Alban, Liturgist
Paul and Marcia Walters, Ushers
John and Margaret Witt, Erik and Caroline Nielsen, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Tim Quist, Organist

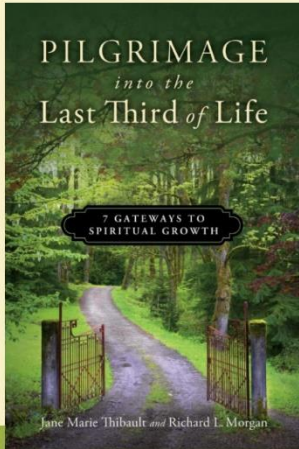
Jesus, Lead Thou On

Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.



We invite you to join us in our summer series

AGING FAITHFULLY

MONDAYS AT 12PM

JUL 8, 15, 22, 29

AUG 5, 12, 19

(bring a sack lunch, if you wish!)

Join us at church or on Zoom for a weekly discussion of short daily readings. Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life will lead us on a journey full of opportunities for spiritual growth as we age. Books available in the church office for \$10 (Adult Ed MT will pay remaining cost). It is not necessary to attend all 7 sessions, so join when you can!

Watch your email for Sign-up Information for Monday Discussion group.

**See below for evenings with Guest Speakers
(not necessary to sign-up for these)**

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Join us at St. Andrews to learn more about these important topics from our guest speakers:

Thursday, June 27 - 7PM "When to Call the Funeral Director" with Gaylord Jowett, Jowett Funeral Home

Thursday, July 11 - 7PM "Hospice Services" with Chris Romps, Munson Hospice

Thursday, July 25 - 7PM "Estate Planning" with Courtney Marshall, Estate Planning

Thursday, August 8 - 7PM "Local Services" with Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources

Thursday, August 22 - 7PM "Senior Housing" with Alliance for Senior Housing

Enjoy a sweet dessert following each presentation!

