

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Songs in the Key of Faith

July 14, 2024

8th Sunday After Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Evan'"

Gordon Young

"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."*

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

Strangers meet.

Oil and grain turn to bread.

The sick are healed.

The weary are lifted up.

The prisoners are set free.

The everyday becomes a miracle.

This is God's work.

We are God's witnesses.

Let us praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

UNSER HERRSCHER

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray:

Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan. We find you, your prophets, and your miracles in their midst. Dwell with us as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Join us at your table as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant our compassion to be your compassion, we pray, and that we may truly be your people. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. **We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. 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

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14
These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 146
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"How Close?"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 806

"I'll Praise My Maker"

OLD 113TH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From *The Confession of 1967: 9.16, 17*)

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

Gordon Young

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN (See Insert on last page)

"In Christ Alone"

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*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

"We Gather Together"

Gordon Young

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Cathy Stephenson, Liturgist
John and Margaret Witt, Ushers
Jessica and Virginia Gardner, Barb Newman, March Dye, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Tim Quist, Organist



Be sure to join us next Sunday, July 21, for the Kirkin' O' The Tartans

We invite you to join us in our summer series

AGING FAITHFULLY

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

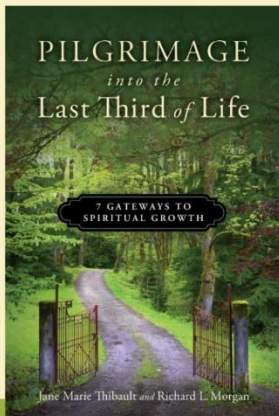
Thursday, July 11 - 7PM "Hospice Services" with Chris Romps, Munson Hospice

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!



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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!