

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



## Forest Fire Bitterroot National Forest, Montana

August 17, 2025

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ***THE GATHERING***

# PRELUDE

Brandenburg Concerto #2 BWV 1047  
"Allegro"

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

## 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 (Responsively)

Liturgist

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine,  
the stock that your right hand planted.

**The world is ablaze around us with pain and suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice and brokenness.**

Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your creation.

**Let your Holy Fire meet the flares that seek to consume us with refining and renewing power.**

Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within your realm that will spread as a wildfire of righteousness and love.

**Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 354

## "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

## BATTLE HYMN

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's hope for us, let us make our confession with contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and peace:

**Transforming God, forgive us for dousing your fire and for our failure to recognize your movement among us. Help us to follow the path of life, graciously serving our neighbors as we do ourselves. Make us instruments of your kingdom to encourage and lift up one another, like iron sharpens iron. Surround us as a community of accountability and support us to be more like you in image, character, and nature. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

Beloved, in Jeremiah, the Voice declares, "Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock into pieces?" We may be assured of God's power to break down in order to build back up. The brokenness we experience in life does not have the final word. The redemptive love of God makes all things new, and the healing grace of God restores and repairs. New life in Christ awaits us every day.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

### ***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 23:23-29

The Word of God. The Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Andante"

J.S. Bach

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:49-56

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"The Fiery Jesus"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From the Iona Community in Scotland)

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Sonata #5

M. Blavet

"Allegro"

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFT

## ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 342

"Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor"

RHUDDLAN

\*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

"Allegro assai"

J.S. Bach

### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Barbara Fisher, Liturgist

Frank and Maurine Slaughter, Ushers

Sue Sheffield, Judy McQuilkin, March Dye, Greeters

Doug Scott, Keyboard

Carole Scott, Flute

Carolyn Edwards, Violin

Harold Byers, Violin

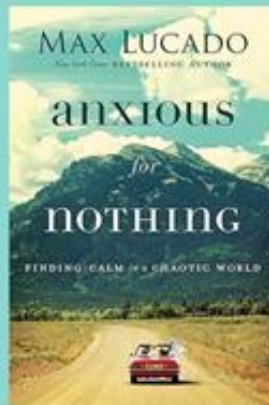
Dorothy Byers, Violin

Jan Ostrowski, Viola

Peter Paolini, Cello

Michael Beery, Oboe

Ruth Griffioen, Recorder



Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night?  
Is irrational anxiety your constant companion?

Let God help you win the war on worry  
and receive the lasting peace of Christ

The Adult Ed Ministry Team invites you join us in  
reading and discussing Max Lucado's book

***Anxious for Nothing:***  
*Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*

Thursday, June 26

Thursday, July 10 and 24

Thursday, August 7 and 21

**2:00PM**

Cost is \$18 per book with Adult Ed covering remaining cost,  
or purchase from your favorite book source.  
Watch for signup information.



**CASS COMMUNITY  
SOCIAL SERVICES**  
*Fighting Poverty • Creating Opportunity • Building Community*

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Cass Community Social Services Mission Trip

October 14-16, 2025

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The Children's Christian Ed Ministry Team is once again organizing a school supplies drive for donations to needy schools in Benzie County. The school secretaries really appreciate having extra school supplies to distribute to children when they run out of their own supplies. Now is a great time to watch the back-to-school sales and pick up items for our collection. Please leave your donations in the black "School Supplies" barrel in the Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for helping us!

Children's Christian Ed MT



### **CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE BOOK NOOK**

*Check out a book by Max Lucado for your summer reading:*

**JESUS, THE GOD WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME:** Looks at every day encounters with Jesus experienced by friends and family.

**THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN:** God is your biggest fan and friend.

**A GENTLE THUNDER:** Hearing God through the storm.

**IN THE GRIP OF GRACE:** Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

**JUST LIKE JESUS:** God loves you the way you are but refuses to leave you that way.

**THE GIFT FOR ALL PEOPLE:** Thoughts on God's grace.

**GOD WILL USE THIS FOR GOOD:** Surviving the messes of life.

If you have a book you would like to suggest for addition to The Book Nook, please send a note to the church at [office@benziestandrews.com](mailto:office@benziestandrews.com).