

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G Major"

Mendelssohn

"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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Gathered in from many lands,

we come from east and west, from north and south.

Some of us have wandered through deserts.

Some of us are hungry and thirsty.

But the Holy One heard our pleas,

and has delivered us from our distress.

So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Praise is on our lips, but in our hearts we know how far we have fallen from the glory of God. Yet God meets us in our sin, picks us up, and promises forgiveness. Let us make our confession and open ourselves to God's mercy. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see. It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear. It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence. Peace, peace, peace – you are loved. You are

enough. You belong. In Jesus Christ, you are restored. **Thanks be to God forever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (CEB)

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Virgil Thomson

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH: Isaiah 43:14-21 (CEB)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Windshield vs. the Rearview Mirror"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
(Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)

ST. ANNE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(From the *Confession of 1967: 9.54-55*)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Alla minuetto"

Wesley

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 Lord our God... joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ our Savior...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...we bless you,
God of glory, 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. If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. 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 530

"One Bread, One Body"

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

At your table, Giving God, we have been fed; our thirsty spirits have been quenched. We give you thanks for this taste of your kingdom meal when wolf and lamb will feed together and peace will reign on your holy mountain; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION

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

"Rigaudon"

Campra/Ferrari

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Charles (Chip) Hardwick, Guest Pastor
Kay Gossens, Liturgist
Barb Newman, March Dye, Ushers
Jeri Bushong, Judy and Jack Harnish, Greeters
Dianne and Ross Stephenson, Communion Preparers
Michael Beery, Music Director
Laurence Smith, Guest Organist

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.

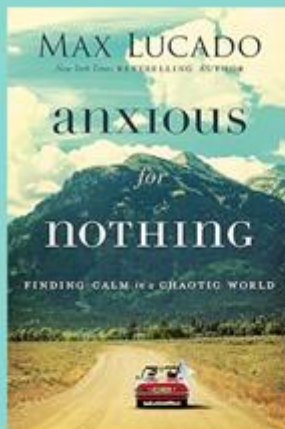
THE GIFT FOR ALL PEOPLE: Thoughts on God's grace.

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.

Inquirers' Class

**9AM Sunday August 10 and August 17
in Edwards Hall (lower level)**



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 \$10 per book with Adult Ed covering remaining cost,
or purchase from your favorite book source.
Watch for sign-up information.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you love to knit?
Want to make a meaningful difference
in someone's life with every stitch?

Gather with us to create beautiful handmade
prayer shawls and pocket prayer shawls
for those facing illness, grief, hardship, or who
just need to feel God's warmth and presence.

1st and 3rd Wednesday
each month
10:00AM

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