

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 17, 2024

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"Humbly I Adore Thee"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Mark Rippe  
*Psalm 46:10*

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

"Come and Fill"

Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.  
**Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**  
We are children of the living God.  
**Let us worship the Lord of Love!**

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF WEALTH

We live in a world that tells us we never have enough. We are constantly seeking more: more money, bigger houses, newer cars and the latest technology. Fearing scarcity, we hoard our possessions and store up our own treasures. We worship money instead of God. When we let go of our wealth, and acknowledge that it all belongs to God, we learn to trust and rely on God, who desires that all have enough. (*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our wealth. We let go of our constant need for more, the illusion that possessions make us self-sufficient, and admit our need for God. (*A candle is extinguished.*)

**Creator God, remind us again that the world and all that is in it is yours. Teach us to relax our hold on possessions and to cling to you instead. Help us to use the gifts you've given us wisely, to share them generously, joyfully trusting in your abundance. Amen.**

\*HYMN 264

"At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law on our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to see you with our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives us and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE: Hymn 695 "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

### ***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 HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Unison)

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

These words are trustworthy and true.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" Arr. Roland E. Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Just a Façade?"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(From the *Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by**

**the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Brother James' Air"

Alice Jordan

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**We as the people of God, go forth on our Lenten journey,  
knowing that we do not go alone.**

Have courage as you walk toward the cross,  
even through the valley of the shadow of death,  
for the Word of Life has been planted within you,

**And God has promised we will bear much fruit.**

As you go, may God's glory inspire you, Christ's cross challenge you,  
and the Spirit's creativity pursue you, now and forevermore. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

Paul Manz

\*Those who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary.)

### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Dianne Stephenson, Liturgist  
Jim and Elaine Trent, Ushers  
Ky and Martha Webb, Darby Moreno, Greeters  
Sharron Smith, Gloria Boyd, Lenten Readers  
Mya and Ava Main, Acolytes  
Tim Quist, Organist  
Michael Beery, Music Director



**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 24, 2024 - WORSHIP 10:30AM



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
MARCH 28, 2024 - WORSHIP 12:00PM



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
MARCH 29, 2024 - WORSHIP 12:00PM



BREAKFAST 9:00AM  
*Easter*  
— HE'S ALIVE —  
MARCH 31, 2024 - WORSHIP 10:30AM



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*Breakfast*  
**March 31st at 9AM**  
Sign up in the Gathering Space

## ATTENTION!! ARTISTS!!!

The newly formed ARTS ON THE HILL MINISTRY TEAM (sponsored by the Bob McQuilkin Memorial Fund) is happy to announce that, once again, we'll be holding a VISIO DIVINA event in May. Visio Divina is defined as "the slow, thoughtful contemplation of a picture, photo, work of art, or really anything visual that invites God to speak to us in a deeper way".

Back in 2018, we held an art event here in our Gathering Space. It was a grand success and our St Andrews community was able to provide examples of their creations. We're planning to do it again. The theme this year will be **SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF GOD'S WORLD**.

**WHO?** Those who attend our church

**WHERE?** In our Gathering Space

**WHEN?** May 17-26

**WHAT?** Art projects in a variety of mediums: paintings, drawings, photography, fabric art, sculpture, ceramics, needlework. Something newly created or created in the past.

**WHERE DO I SIGN UP?** There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space by the door. Forms will be given to you at a later date.

**QUESTIONS?**

Call Peggy Hawley (231-352-6197)  
or Judy McQuilkin (231-383-5352).

We're eager for you to contemplate, during these winter months, what you might choose to display in May.



ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"ARTS ON THE HILL"

PRESENTS

CANTICUM NOVUM

JEFF COBB, CHORAL DIRECTOR

MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, May 17, 2024

7:30PM

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

8190 Lincoln Rd.

Beulah, Michigan

