

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Peace be with you

JOHN 20:19-31

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Elevation"

Don Paul Benoit

"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 DISCIPLESHP

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

Liturgist

Hallelujah! Praise God in God's holy house of worship,

Praise God under the open skies; Praise God for God's acts of power,

Praise God for God's magnificent greatness;

Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise God with castanets and dance, praise God with banjo and flute;

Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum,

praise God with fiddles and mandolin.

All: Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, Maker of all, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life, **have mercy on us.**

Let us pray:

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked tombs of our self-righteousness and gifts us with grace and hope. **Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may accept the good news of mercy and forgiveness. 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 FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 (Unison)

Let us read together from the book of Acts, Chapter 4, Verses 32 through 35:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Jesus Lives, Alleluia!"

Lloyd Larson

Choir: Christ is risen! Sing alleluias!
Heav'n and earth, resound with alleluias!
Jesus lives, alleluia!

**Congregation & Choir: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

Choir: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Congregation & Choir: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love. Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

Choir: Christ is risen! Sing alleluias!
Heav'n and earth, resound with alleluias!
Jesus lives, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Peace of Christ Be With You"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 239

"Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From *The Study Catechism, Questions 43 and 46*)

What do you affirm when you say that he was "crucified, dead, and buried"?

That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

What do you affirm when you say that 'on the third day he rose again from the dead'?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Ray Haan

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Eucharist

The 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

All honor and glory are yours, almighty God, 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 515

"I Come with Joy"

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

**We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have fed us in this sacrament.
Fill us with a vision of your new creation where all may have life abundantly;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 247	"Now the Green Blade Rises"	NOEL NOUVELET
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	Peter Lutkin
POSTLUDE	"Variations on O For a Thousands Tongues to Sing"	Hopson

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Jane Elzerman, Liturgist
Frank and Maurine Slaughter, Diane Pharr, Greeters
Mark and Julie Walton, Ushers
Melissa Hamp, Judy Bosma, Communion Preparers
Tim Quist, Organist
Michael Beery, Music Director

Fellowship Movie Night!

Date: Thursday, April 11
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Location: The Garden Theater in Frankfort

Join us in viewing **"A League of Their Own."**
Admission is FREE!

Come dressed in your best baseball outfit to
receive a free Kilwins treat!
(Treat quantities are limited...first come/first serve basis.)

The poster features a background image of a baseball field. On the left, there are three baseballs. On the right, there is a cartoon illustration of a female baseball player in a white uniform with a red cap, holding a bat. The text is centered and uses various bold and italicized fonts.



GETTING BACK TO

Summer

**CHERRY BLOSSOM RAMBLERS
FAMILY BAND**

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

7PM

**ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8190 LINCOLN ROAD, BEULAH**

YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING WILL SUPPORT STAMP

**ST. ANDREWS MISSION PROJECT
KEEPING HOMES SAFER, DRIER, AND WARMER**

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.

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

