

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“Unbinding”

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O mortal, can these bones live?

People: Only the Lord God knows.

Pastor: O people, hope in the Lord.

People: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

HYMN # 210

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" v. 1 – 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "amen" Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

WORD OF THE WEEK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We daily miss the mark, forgetting to love you and others. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: [Continues]... Friends, this is the good news of the gospel;
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

“Glory Be to The Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lorraine Clark

SCRIPTURES

Lorraine Clark

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-6 [pg. 1345-1346 in Pew Bible]

Gospel Reading: John 11:38-44 [pg. 1669-1670 in Pew Bible]

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

People: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

“Unbinding ”

Pastor Linda Graham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN # 624

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” v. 1 – 3

Why should I feel discouraged?

Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely

And long for heav’n and home

When Jesus is my portion?

My constant Friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender words I hear;
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubt and fear.
Tho' by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. [Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him;
From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

***RESPONSE HYMN # 815**

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives and our gifts to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN # 430

"There Shall be Showers of Blessings" v. 1 – 4

There shall be showers of blessing:

This is the promise of love.

There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

Refrain: Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need.
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing -
Precious reviving again.

Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing;
Send them upon us, O Lord.
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come and now honor Your Word. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing:
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call! [Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

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Lent/March Lectionary

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023	<u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>Romans 8:6-11</u>	<u>John 11:1-45</u>
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Lent/April Lectionary

Liturgy of the Palms April 2, 2023		<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>	
Liturgy of the Passion April 2, 2023	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 31:9-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Matthew 26:14-27:66</u> or <u>Matthew 27:11-54</u>
Mon. of Holy Week April 3, 2023	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-15</u>	<u>John 12:1-11</u>
Tues. of Holy Week April 4, 2023	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 71:1-14</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>John 12:20-36</u>
Wed. of Holy Week April 5, 2023	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1-3</u>	<u>John 13:21-32</u>
Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<u>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	<u>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</u>
Good Friday April 7, 2023	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:16-25</u> or <u>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</u>	<u>John 18:1-19:42</u>
Holy Saturday April 8, 2023	<u>Job 14:1-14</u> or <u>Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 27:57-66</u> or <u>John 19:38-42</u>