

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“Spirit of Witness”

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

People: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Leader: Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.

People: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Leader: Let us worship God!

HYMN # 151

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" v. 1 – 4

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe —
His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He —
Lord Sabaoth His Name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thro' us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him —
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also —
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jan Peterson

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Jan Peterson

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 [pg. 1891,1892]

Acts Reading: Acts 1:6-14 [pg. 1691]

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

People: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

“Spirit of Witness”

Reverend Zoltan Sutto

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 # 630

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” v. 1 – 3

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. As your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that you do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in bringing your sons and daughters to a greater sense of your glory.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN # 444

"I Love to Tell the Story" v. 1, 3 & 4

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know its true.
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story!
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest,
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long. [Refrain]

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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May Lectionary

7th Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023 <i>(If Ascension not observed here)</i>	* <u>Acts 1:6-14</u>	<u>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11</u>	<u>John 17:1-11</u>
Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023	* <u>Acts 2:1-21</u> or <u>Numbers 11:24-30</u>	<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 12:3b-13</u> or <u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>John 20:19-23</u> or <u>John 7:37-39</u>