

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation is worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children.

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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 based on Isaiah 2:2-5

Pastor: Someday the house of God will stand on the highest mountain.

People: People will come from every place to learn how to walk in God's path.

Pastor: God will show us what is fair and put an end to our fighting.

People: People will turn their old weapons into new tools for growing food.

Pastor: Come people of God:

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***HYMN # 215**

"When Morning Guilds the Skies" v. 1 – 4

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of darkness fear,
When this sweet song they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song
Thro' all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Gathering Prayer (An echo prayer)

Thank you, God, **Thank you, God,**
for gathering us here **for gathering us here**
in your holy house **in your holy house**
to sing and pray, **to sing and pray,**
to speak and listen, **to speak and listen,**
to wonder and grow. **to wonder and grow.**
Teach us by your Word **teach us by your Word**
and fill us with your Spirit **and fill us with your Spirit**

that we may go out **that we may go out**
sharing your great love **sharing your great love**
with all our neighbors, **with all our neighbors,**
In Jesus' name. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Teach Us to be Neighbors"

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Judy Schunot & Ozzy Dobbs

HYMN # 185

"Jesus Loves Me" v. 1 – 3

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me." [Refrain]

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me on my way.
He's prepared a home for me,
And someday His face I'll see. [Refrain]

CONFESSION AND PARDON (based on Romans 6:1-10 and Romans 8:38)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

People: Holy God, here's the truth. We've been afraid to trust your good news enough to speak it aloud. It's actually terrifying to hold a big and daunting hope. It's more than a little vulnerable to carry a probably naïve, certainly illogical, and radical hope, especially in the face of pain and suffering. It feels even worse to voice that hope out loud to other people. The truth is: there have been times when we've shifted our holy hopes a little bit, to make them more black and white, a little less of a risk, a little bit more plausible to ourselves and the world around us. A little bit less holy and a little bit less true. Unfortunately, an easier hope is no hope at all. Love without risk is not love at all. To keep ourselves safe, we have made deals with the injustice and powerful culture already at work in the world. We've

attempted to simplify good news into something we have already figured out that others haven't, something *they* desperately need to learn from *us*.

Pastor: We confess, Lord, that we need your courage to hope again. We need the eyes to see your Spirit at work in the world, we need your strength to walk forward into the unknown, to trust the good news of the gospel, to risk sharing our own stories of hope.

People: Jesus who walked in hope on Palm Sunday, who declared good news into the teeth of the empire, walk with us again, and give us the strength to see and speak of your good news as it continues to meet us in the world you made.

Pastor: Friends, hear the unaltered good news: Christ has come for us and Christ will come again. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet each other with the sign of peace)

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (based on Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15)

Candi Keinath

God of all beauty, goodness, and truth, open our hearts to your Word and guide our feet by your Spirit, so we can shout and sing from the mountaintops the good news of your peace through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Candi Keinath

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 54:10; [pg.1147]

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:38-39, 12:1; [pg.1758, 1763]

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-29 [pg.1612-1613]

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"A Televangelist"

Pastor Linda Graham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: excerpted from A Brief Statement of Faith (Responsive)

Pastor: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. God is faithful still.

People: We trust in God.

Pastor: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God is faithful still.

People: We trust in God.

Pastor: In everlasting love, The God of Abraham and Sara chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. God is faithful still.

People: We trust in God.

Pastor: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal child. God is faithful still.

People: We trust in God.

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.

INVITATION TO THE 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

Thank you God for all your gifts, food and shelter, peace and safety, friends and family, life and health. Especially we thank you for Jesus, who teaches us how to serve you and love our neighbors as ourselves. Now send us out from this place to spread the good news of peace with the world you love so much. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY.
BLESSINGS TO ALL!**



September Lectionary

<p><u>Holy Cross</u> September 14</p>	<p><u>Numbers 21:4b-9</u> <u>Psalm 98:1-5</u> or <u>Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38</u></p>		<p><u>1 Corinthians 1:18-24</u></p>	<p><u>John 3:13-17</u></p>
<p><u>Proper 19 (24)</u> September 17</p>	<p><u>Exodus 14:19-31</u> <u>Psalm 114</u> or <u>Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21</u></p>	<p><u>Genesis 50:15-21</u> <u>Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13</u></p>	<p><u>Romans 14:1-12</u></p>	<p><u>Matthew 18:21-35</u></p>
<p><u>Proper 20 (25)</u> September 24</p>	<p><u>Exodus 16:2-15</u> <u>Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45</u></p>	<p><u>Jonah 3:10-4:11</u> <u>Psalm 145:1-8</u></p>	<p><u>Philippians 1:21-30</u></p>	<p><u>Matthew 20:1-16</u></p>