

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016



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Sunday, April 17, 2016

9:00A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Christians to the Pascal Victim setting Theophane Hytrek

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us be like the Psalmist who declares, "I will bless the Lord at all times;"

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

People: Let us worship God in hymns, word, music, prayer, and with hearts open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

All: Let us worship God. Amen.

* HYMN 95 Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun Duke Street

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O God, we come to ask for Your forgiveness, for our sins mar our relationship with You and steal the joy from our lives. Still fresh from Easter, we may have forgotten what Your great love for us can accomplish. But Easter hope can be tarnished by the adversities of life, for our faith in You is not constant. Moreover, we often fail to reach out to those in need. Forgive us when we curl up inside and convince ourselves that You are not in the events of every day. For these and our other sins, we ask Your pardon. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: We reach out for hope.

People: And we have found it in Jesus Christ, and we find it again and again.

Pastor: What is that God-given hope?

People: It is the assurance that God's love for us is so great that He forgives our sins, strengthens us, and stays with us always.

Unison: This is only part of the Good News for us in the Risen Christ. Through Him our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15: 1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC: I Danced in the Morning Shaker Song Wilbur Held

GOSPEL LESSON:

St. Luke 13: 31-35

* HYMN 276

We Gather Together

Kremser

SERMON:

"WHEN LOVE CONTRADICTS REASON"

Dr. Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 197 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher
New Britain

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Bread of Life

Pan de Vida

Bob Hurd, arr. Lynn Trap

*THE DOXOLOGY

**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 OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using *trespasses*)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Victory

Palestrina, arr. Proulx

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS MOST PRECIOUS HOUR IN THE WHOLE WEEK.

This is the hour to be reminded of how much we mean to God who wants to bless us, each and all, with grace, peace, love, joy and hope, and so much more through our faith in our Risen Lord.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join us for a light reception in the church lounge after worship.

THE REV. DR. GEORGE TOOLE is once again our guest preacher for today. George and his wife, Donna, have been faithful supporters of St. Andrew's since we came into being in November, 2003.

MANY THANKS TO BARBARA POUR on behalf of the Mission Team for organizing a very happy and interesting trip to Doylestown, PA last Tuesday. To date we have enjoyed over twenty trips in recent years.

THE NEXT P&R (Planning and Review Board) meeting will be held here at church on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting to which everyone is welcome.

THE SAINT ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB will be held at Barbara Pour's home on the 21st at 7:00 P.M.

WINTER/SPRING VISIONARIES. We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's Newsletter. Please feel free to take a few and share them around among your friends and neighbors.

COME AND ENJOY A DAY OF SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016 at Fairhill. Brochures can be found on the lounge piano.

PASTORAL CARE IN HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES. Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time either for yourself or someone you know. Home telephone is best: 410-893-9470.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

God is our Creator. God made us in His image and likeness, therefore we are creators. The joy of creativeness should be ours.

– Dorothy Day (The Long Loneliness)-