

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017



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Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Resurrection Fantasia Elaine Rendler

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord, and in the spirit of community, I call you to join in this celebration of worship.

People: We come together in this place of worship as Easter people, to affirm that we are part of Christ's church, to seek answers to our doubts and questions, to lift up our world and our thoughts to make this a celebration of worship.

All: Let us worship Almighty God.

*HYMN 91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Coronation

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we confess before You our slowness to embrace the new life You have to offer. We are afraid that the wonderful gifts You give to us through the resurrection of Your Son will soon be forgotten, and we will return to despair, doubt and indifference.

As we come to You seeking forgiveness for our frailties, our wrong doing and our wrong thinking, fill the depths of our souls with the joy of knowing and believing that we are forgiven, and that it is Your will that we should always live in the spirit of hope, love and peace through our faith in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

SPECIAL MUSIC: This Little Light of Mine, This Joy arr. Nancy Raabe

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 20: 19-31

*HYMN 227 In the Garden Garden

SERMON: "IT'S PETER AT OUR DOOR" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 108

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: The Day of Resurrection, Ellacombe arr. Nancy Raabe

*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...

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 218

Thine Is the Glory

Maccabeus

BENEDICTION (unison)

**May God the Father make us holy in His love;
May God the Son enrich us with His grace;
May God the Holy Spirit strengthen us with joy;
May the Lord bless us and keep us in eternal life.**

POSTLUDE: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Easter Hymn arr. Kevin Sadowski

YOUR PRESENCE MAKES TODAY A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

MAY EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING feel the continuing joy, energy and victory of Easter. There is much to celebrate. There is much for which to be thankful.

VERY SINCERE THANKS are due to all who contributed so much to the joyful spirit of Easter Day, both in wonderful music and the many springtime flowers and lilies.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT and enjoyable reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Many thanks as always to those who have prepared it.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR P&R (planning and review) BOARD will be held next Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting to which everyone is also invited.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO PATTI AMATO AND HER HUSBAND SAM.

Their first grandchild, Evelyn Rose Lalia, was born on Saturday, April 15, 2015. All is happy and well. What a glorious blessing.

SPRING VISIONARIES. We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's newsletter. Please feel free to share them among your friends and neighbors.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Judy Copeland, who died very suddenly on Friday, April 14, 2017, at her home. Judy was an enthusiastic part of our St. Andrew's family. She was present at our Maundy Thursday service the evening before. Funeral arrangements are still being made.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY. A bus trip is being planned for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. We will enjoy a private tour with afternoon tea. Sign up list on the lounge piano. Any questions? Please see Barbara Pour.

PASTORAL CARE IS HIGH ON OUR LIST. Do not hesitate to contact Ernest Smart either for yourself or someone you know. Best number: 410-893-9470

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me shall live, even though he dies"