

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016



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Sunday, April 24, 2016

9:00A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Gather Us In John Behnke

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God's presence with singing.

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God who has made us, to whom we belong; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

* HYMN 22 All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

Holy God, righteous and merciful, cleanse our minds and free our consciences from the things that divide us from You. We have shut our eyes to Your glory, our minds to Your truth, and our hearts to Your Spirit. And yet we want to love You, Lord, to offer Your ue worship and joyful service. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; and since Your paths are loving and sure, guide us in the way we should go, and lead us to life everlasting with You ...

(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 8

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

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 12: 20-26

* HYMN 56 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

SERMON: "STEWARDSHIP VS. OWNERSHIP" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 696

For Beauty of Meadows

St. Denio

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: O Day of Rest and Gladness 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 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION:

**May the grace of Christ attend us, the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us this day and forevermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Mfurahini Haleluya
Tanzanian Spiritual arr. Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY AFTER EARTH DAY (April 22)

EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING IS A LIVING PART OF OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. sense the joy, the encouragement and hope in being free to worship God on this fifth Sunday of Easter, and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. What a gift!

GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME. Do please sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary. A light and enjoyable reception has been prepared for everyone after worship. Many thanks to the donors who make this possible every week.

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 invited.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated here at worship next Sunday at our usual time of 9:00 a.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.

TWO MAY DATES TO NOTE:

May 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. here at church. First Christian Church (owners of this building) will be holding a Town Hall Gathering to explore and share ideas for the future of this church building. Members of all five congregations are invited.

Saturday May 21, 2016. Come and enjoy a day of Scottish Highland Games and Sports 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

EARTH DAY is a day designated to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. It was started by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in on April 22, 1970, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries each year.