

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017



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Sunday, April 2, 2017

9:00A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Variations on " Wondrous Love " Samuel Barber

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He is our hope and our salvation.

Pastor: Come and follow in his pathways.

People: He is our guide and teacher.

Pastor: Follow Him as a suffering servant.

People: O God, give us grace to walk with Him that we might be glorified with Him.

(From Psalm 150)

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

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

Gracious God, despite our resolve to serve You, we are easily led astray. Like sheep, we blindly follow the example of the crowd. We congratulate ourselves on resisting the latest trend or fashion, but the pressures to conform are more subtle than that, often unseen, often unrecognized.

Help us to listen to You rather than the voices that surround us; seek us out through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, and restore us to Your fold... (moment of silent reflection).

Pastor: Through Christ our Lord, we pray. **People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37: 1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: In Paradiso, Orfeo C. W. Gluck

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 11: 1-16

*HYMN 214 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Toplady

SERMON: WHERE IS THE PASSION? Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Komm, Süßer Tod

J.S. Bach

*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

*COMMUNION HYMN: 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC Bist du bei Mir

J.S. Bach

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 613 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Webb

BENEDICTION (unison)

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Fughetta on Ave Maris Stella

J. F. Dandrieu

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY IN LENT

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are invited to reflect on all that the Christian faith has meant to us, and continues to mean to us as we approach Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the glories of Easter Day.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION in the lounge after worship, with ongoing thanks to those who prepared it.

TAIZE ON TUESDAYS. On each of the Tuesdays in Lent there will be an opportunity to gather to spend time in prayer and meditation in the sanctuary. Time: noon to one.

EASTER DAY FLOWERS. **Easter Day will soon be upon us – April 16.** Order forms with information for Easter flowers and lilies will be found on the lounge piano. Please make checks out to First Christian Church and place in the basket alongside. Thank you in advance.

LOOKING AHEAD:

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017. Come and join us and bring family and friends to another grand and glorious worship service at 9 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017. A worship service will be held here in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All invited.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT NOON. Once again, we are privileged to join the other Christian congregations for this all important service of Remembrance of Christ's crucifixion.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 16, 2017. At 9:00 a.m. Come join us in the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. A magnificent brass quartet will help lead the celebration. This Easter Day service is for EVERYONE.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

“They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.”

– Sir Philip Sydney -