

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017



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Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Sehr Frisch end feurig, Theodor Blumer, Werk 52
Jiwoo Moon, flute, Kara Poling, Oboe, Sean Webster, clarinet,
Laressa Winters, bassoon, Keegan McCardell, French horn

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God in Jesus Christ is the Way.

People: Jesus Christ invites us to walk in His way.

Pastor: The Way of Jesus Christ will lead us into all truth.

People: The truth of Jesus Christ will bring us eternal life.

Pastor: Come and let us respond to the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ,
our Savior, our Lord and our Shepherd. Come, let us worship
Almighty God.

*HYMN 78

The Lord's My Shepherd

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

Almighty God, once more we thank You for the wonder of Your love and the awesome extent of Your mercy. We have failed You in so much, repeatedly ignoring Your will and breaking Your commandments. Yet, despite our betrayal, You do not only forgive but also put our mistakes behind us.

However often we go astray; however great our faults, and however feeble the love we show in return, You are always willing to forget and have us move on. Teach us the secret of such love. Touch our hearts with Your goodness, and so may we learn to let go of past hurts and build instead for the future. May we become agents of Your healing, redeeming and renewing grace....
(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

ACTS 9: 1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

IV Presto ruvido, 6 Bagatelles for Wind Quintet Gyorgy Ligeti

GOSPEL LESSON

ACTS 9: 10-19

*HYMN 276

We Gather Together

Kremser

SERMON: "A REAL SOLUTION FOR REAL PROBLEMS"

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 556

Trust and Obey

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

III Allegro Grazioso

Ligeti

*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

Chalice Hymnal 307

Tune: Malotte

*HYMN 611

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Festal Song

BENEDICTION (unison)

May the love of the Father enfold us,

The wisdom of the Son enlighten us,

The fire of the Spirit enflame us;

And may the blessing of God rest upon us

And abide with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

I Allegro con Spirito

Ligeti

WELCOME NOTES

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP FOR WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU ARE – A SPECIAL CHILD OF GOD. May Your hearts and minds be open to receive an abundance of God's blessings.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION IN THE LOUNGE, and to enjoy friends new and "old."

WE WELCOME THE WOODWIND QUINTET composed of Jiwoo Moon, flute, Kara Poling, Oboe, Sean Webster, clarinet, Laressa Winters, bassoon, Keegan McCardell, French horn

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL IN WASHINGTON. All participants are reminded that our bus will leave our Church on Tuesday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. returning around 5:00 p.m.

OUR SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN by Rosemary Smart in loving memory of her sister, Julia Walker, who died on April 29, 1968.

MISSION NEWS. At our monthly board meeting last Sunday, the following gifts were made on behalf of our St. Andrew's Christian Community:

Art with a Heart	1800
Foundation Fighting Blindness	1000
MD National Guard Foundation	1000
Meals on Wheels	1000
McKim Center	1000
Maryland Food Bank	1000
Shepherd's Clinic	1000
Habitat for Humanity in the Chesapeake	500
Our Daily Bread Employment Center	500
CASA –Baltimore County	500

OPPORTUNITY: The Corner Community Center is sponsoring a May Day Friend-Raiser tomorrow evening (May 1, 2017) from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Each of the congregations and organizations using this church will have a table on which to display their mission and activities. There will also be light refreshments to enhance our enjoyment. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Questions should be directed to the Rev. Carol Cook (410-435-1506).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

"It ain't those parts in the Bible that I can't understand that bother me. It's the parts I do understand." –Mark Twain-