St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016



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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "This is the Feast"

arr Charles Callahan

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 to join 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 real celebration of worship.

Pastor: Let us worship Almighty God.

* HYMN 91

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE 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, self-doubt and indifference.

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

I Peter1:3-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

Resurrection Fantasis

arr E Rendler

GOSPEL LESSON

St. Luke 24:13-27

* HYMN 221

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

SERMON

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM PETER

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY That Easter Day with Joy was Bright, PUER NOBIS,

arr Thomas Gieschen

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 390 Lord of Our Highest Love!

Franconia

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

Charles Callahan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 (in unison)

Old Celtic Prayer

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. Amen.

POSTLUDE Jesus Christ is Risen Today, EASTER HYMN, arr KEvin Sadowski

YOUR PRESENCE MAKES TODAY GRAND AND GLORIOUS

MAY EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING feel the continuing 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 under Patti Amato's leadership, and the beauty of the many springtime flowers.

PLEASE JOIN US for a light and enjoyable reception in the church lounge immediately after worship. Many thanks also to those who have prepared it.

ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS are invited to "sign in" in the guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

MISSION NEWS: At our recent board meeting the following gift was approved on behalf of St. Andrew's: \$1000 to Meals on Wheels. The next Mission Committee meeting will be held on April 13, at 4 p.m. at the church.

OUR NEXT CHURCH OUTING ADVENTURE will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. We are to be heading for Doylestown, PA, to visit the famous Fonthill Castle and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works. Details in the VISIONARY and on our Bulletin Board. Cost will be \$28 plus lunch and shopping. Please sign up on the lounge piano sheet. Everyone is welcome.

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.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL MUSICAL EVENING AWAITS YOU on Sunday, April 10, 2016 here at Church. The very talented Baltimore Musicales invite you to come along to hear some great and varied music. The program usually lasts one hour. No tickets or reservations needed but a donation of \$10 is suggested. Time: 6:30 P.M.

PASTORAL CARE IS 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

"Life is a great surprise. I do not see why death should not be an even greater one."

Vladimir Nabokov (The Pale Fire)