

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016



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Sunday, August 14, 2016

9:00A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIS DAY OF BLESSINGS

PRELUDE Leah Inger, Soprano

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing praise to the Lord, O you, his faithful ones,

People: And give thanks to His holy name.

Pastor: Weeping may linger for a night,

People: But joy comes with morning.

(Psalm 30)

*HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken Buinessan

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

Gracious God, in all the dark places of our experiences, help us find a little goodness. In all the dark places of intolerance, conflict and suffering, let us speak well of everyone who plants a seed of goodness. Cover those moments which sadden us with memories which enlarge and enrich us. Make us conscious of Your forgiving Spirit, and let that spirit of newness lift our own spirits, through the faith we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

CHALICE HYMNAL 569 Jesus, Remember Me (sing twice)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 7: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC:

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5: 1-11

* HYMN 274 I Love Your Church, O God St. Thomas

SERMON: "ARE YOU ON TOP OF THE WORLD?" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 546

Amazing Grace!

New Britain

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

* 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 464

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION (in unison)

May the Lord of peace Himself give us peace at all times and in all ways. May the Lord be with us all, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

WELCOME TODAY, FROM WHEREVER WE COME. Together we are part of St. Andrew's Christian Community. May this worship experience be a source of spiritual encouragement to you and to your family.

WELCOME BACK PATTI AMATO! We are especially delighted to welcome "back home" to St. Andrew's our own organist and musical director, Patti Amato, following her six week sojourn in Austria. We will look forward to hearing of her adventures in due course.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to our guest soloist today, Leah Inger, Soprano

PLEASE STAY AWHILE for a delightful light reception after worship. This is a great opportunity to share time with friends "old" and new. Guests are also invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

GARDEN WATERING: In anticipation of a warm dry summer, the church garden will welcome good watering each week. a list of available dates for volunteers will be found on the lounge piano. Thank you.

THE NEXT EDITION OF OUR VISIONARY: We hope to have a publication out in September. Joyce Brown welcomes any articles, quotations, tidbits of interest.

THE BALTIMORE MUSICALE will hold another evening of great and popular music from around the world on Sunday, August 28, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. here at church. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

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

I never cease being dumb-founded by the unbelievable things people say they believe.

– Leo Rosten, Writer-Pundit-