

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor***

**Patricia McKewen Amato, *Music Director***

Sunday, August 7, 2016

9:00A.M.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIS DAY OF BLESSINGS**

PRELUDE

Andante Semplice

Ernest Tomlinson

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say:

**People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*HYMN 25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

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

**We confess to You, O Lord, that we have not only disobeyed Your law, but have so often neglected and spurned Your Gospel. Yet You are willing to forgive us as errant children. You have taught us that in Christ we are more than conquerors over sin and circumstances. But we only half-believed those blessings.**

**Forgive us that our lives are so poor, when we should be proclaiming Your praises and be unable to keep silent. Take hold of our Souls, our lives, our personalities that they may bring You credit and demonstrate Your love to all people ... (*moment of silent reflection*)**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 20

SPECIAL MUSIC: Quiet Prelude II

Gilbert M. Martin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

1 Corinthians 9: 19-27

\* HYMN 250

O Breath of Life

St. Clement

SERMON:

"OLYMPIC-SIZED ASSETS"

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:      Soul, Rejoice with Gladness

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\* 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.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN 384

Here at Thy Table, Lord

Bread of Life

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Bread of Life

Charles Callahan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 611

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Festale Song

BENEDICTION (in unison)

**As people of God, let us go forth with joy into the opportunities set before us this week. Let us take with us the encouragement of this hour. And may we, in the days ahead, be faithful to our callings, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

Lobe Den Herren

Johann Gotfried Walther

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL ON THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**ONCE AGAIN WE DO THANK ALL** who work so hard and lovingly to keep the spirit of St. Andrew's bright and strong in so many ways. We are truly blessed and grateful.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a light reception after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new and "older" friends.

**ONCE AGAIN WE WELCOME ELLEN ADAJIAN** as our music director for this morning's worship. Patti Amato continues to enjoy friends and music in Graz, Austria.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY ROBERT KENNICK** in memory of his wife, Sydney Kennick, who died in 2007. Bob is also on the Board of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is being celebrated today. Home Communion is also available for those who cannot be here. Please contact our pastor, Ernest Smart.

**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.

**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**

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak."

- Allen E. Bartlett-