

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Sunday, February 12, 2017

9:00A.M.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY. LET US CELEBRATE

PRELUDE: In Thee is Gladness In Dir Ist Freude, arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Gracious and holy God, we are privileged to be here.

People: We will exalt You; we will praise Your holy name.

Pastor: You subdue the noise of violence and hatred.

People: as the shade of a cloud subdues the heat.

Pastor: Gracious and holy God, You are our loving Creator.

People: We exalt You. We praise Your loving name and nature.

*HYMN 27 Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

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

God of love and God of healing, we confess the sins, the fears, the regrets which can burden us daily. We come to ask for forgiveness for what we are, and we desire that You would make us what we can become. We confess our strained or broken relationships, our weak discipleship, and our poor image of ourselves. We come to You today, frail, fickle and fallible, and in need of a new and stronger faith and acceptable life. Only You can help us. In Your mercy, hear our prayer, through our faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 1: 1-17

SPECIAL MUSIC: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, Spiritual,
Larry Shackley

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 5: 1-12

*HYMN 269 Come, Holy Spirit, Fill This Place Veni Creator Spiritus

SERMON: "HOW FAR WITH TOLERANCE" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 288

O God of Vision (verses 1,2 and 5)

Lobe Den Herren

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Bread of Life, Pan De Vida,

arr. Lynn Trapp

*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

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 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Lancashire

BENEDICTION (unison)

**Teach us, Good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do Thy will.**

POSTLUDE

March

J.S. Bach

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SPECIAL HOLY DAY

MAY EVERYONE FEEL AT HOME IN OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE TODAY. Let this be the finest hour in the whole week when we are reassured of God's blessings for each stage of our life's journey.

EVERYONE IS ALSO INVITED to remain for a light reception in the lounge after worship. We continue to thank those who have prepared it..

THIS EVENING COME ALONG AND ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL EVENING OF BROADWAY MUSIC AND SONG HERE IN THE CHURCH at 6:30 P.M. Everyone will be very welcome. The cost will be \$10 per person.

OUR PLANNING AND REVIEW BOARD (P&R) will hold its next meeting after worship next Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will take the place of the usual Monday evening meeting. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY. Generally, we never cancel worship services unless we are faced with Sunday morning blizzard conditions. However, we ask members and friends to exercise a great deal of wisdom and caution.

PASTORAL NEEDS? Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. Best telephone number is 410-893-9470.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Prayer from the Heart

“When you pray, rather let your heart be without words
than your words without heart.”

– John Bunyan (1628-1688)-