

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016



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Sunday, February 14, 2016

9:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Praise the Spirit in Creation Julion, arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

People: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us in a willing spirit.

*HYMN 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God Ellacombe

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

Lord God, You are holy and strong: forgive our weakness.

Lord God, You are holy and wise: forgive our foolishness.

Lord God, You are holy and loving: forgive our hardness.

Lord God, You are holy and generous: forgive our selfishness.

Lord God, You are holy and faithful: forgive our fickleness.

Lord God, You are holy and gentle: forgive our indifference.

Forgive us, Lord God, forgive us through our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior...(moment of silent reflection)

Leader: Upon our sincere repentance, we are forgiven and free. Let us live worthily of this new life in Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 119:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC: Spiritual Offerings Elaine Rendler

GOSPEL LESSON St. Matthew 5: 1-12

*HYMN 77 On Eagle's Wings On Eagle's Wings

SERMON: "HEART TO HEART" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd
arr. Rodger Kalbfleish

Brother James Air,

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.**

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE 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 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

May the zeal of the Lord be with us in these Lenten days. May God's power and grace hold us close and guide our ways. And may we have eyes wide open to the opportunities of service that arise before us, all in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

POSTLUDE: O that I had a Thousand Voices O Dass Ich Tausend Zingen Hatte,
arr. Nancy Raabe

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HOW GOOD IT IS that you are part of our worshipping community on this special day in our Lenten pilgrimage. The season of Lent is a deeply personal opportunity to experience cleansing, renewal, hope and purpose under the guidance and presence of Jesus Christ. Such are the blessings of faith. Share them with those who need them.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join our gathering for a light reception in the lounge after worship. Catch up with friends and news.

MANY MANY THANKS to those who participated in the EMPTY BOWLS project last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to display some creative artistry as well as support the St. Vincent de Paul project for alleviating hunger in Baltimore. Thanks also to those who came, participated and contributed to our Ash Wednesday gathering meal and worship.

THIS EVENING HERE AT CHURCH THE BALTIMORE MUSICALE will hold a delightful seasonal program at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. A donation of \$10 is suggested. A real St. Valentine's treat!

OUR SAINT ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB will hold its next gathering on Tuesday, February 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. with a Lenten theme.

OUR NEXT P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The January meeting had to be cancelled at the request of "Mother Nature"!

OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM is planning a fascinating visit to a few of Baltimore's historic and beautiful churches. A sign up sheet will be found on the lounge piano. Date is Tuesday, March 15. The bus will leave our church at 9:30 a.m. Friends are also invited.

PASTORAL CARE is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

What has been passing for Christianity during these 19 centuries is merely a beginning, full of weaknesses and mistakes, not a full grown Christianity springing from the spirit of Jesus.

-Albert Schweitzer-