

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016



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Sunday, July 24, 2016

9:00A.M.

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

PRELUDE: Tune II Michael McCabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let all the earth acclaim God. Sing to the glory of His name.

People: Come and see what God has done; let the sound of His praise be heard.

All: Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us His love and care. Let us worship Almighty God together.

(from Psalm 66)

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

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

God of mercy and God of truth, we seek Your forgiveness for the thoughtless way we live. We are unworthy to be Your children, unfit to be Your servants. We are burdened with memories of things undone that ought to have been done, and of things done that ought not to have been done.

Bring us afresh the healing and cleansing power of Your Spirit that we may lay hold of the salvation You offer and walk in newness of life, to the glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

Chalice Hymnal 569: Jesus, Remember Me (sing twice)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC: Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 George Oldroyd

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 7: 21-29

* HYMN 70 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale Roeder

SERMON: "IDEALS: AUTHENTIC AND PHANTOM" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

* HYMN 545 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! He Leadeth Me

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 715 Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Ellacombe" Jason Payne

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS HOLY DAY

A TRUE WELCOME TO EVERYONE. Do you know what “holy” means? It means “set apart from everything else so that we might worship God.” Today is God’s gift that we all might be holy.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US for a light reception in the church lounge following worship. Visitors are especially welcome.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME AGAIN ELLEN ADAJIAN as our music leader for today’s worship during Patti Amato’s musical commitments in Graz, Austria. Patti’s emails tell us she is having a happy and busy time with friends and touring as well as music.

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.

OUR INTER-FAITH STUDY SERIES. This is a great opportunity for our five congregations to get together for learning and friendship. Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. will be our concluding session. Our own pastor, Ernest Smart, will lead a discussion on the theme “Where on earth are You, God?” Why do so many people have so much difficulty with faith in God?

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We take this opportunity once again to thank everyone who contributes so much to the life and ministry of St. Andrew’s. Especially do we recognize those who are our ushers, our finance team, our reception preparers, our Sunday flower arrangers, our bulletin preparers, our Visionary production team, and everyone who contributes so much personally and financially every week. What a great and generous church family.

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 do not set out to make fun of our politicians.
I just write what I see.”

-Will Rogers-