

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016



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Sunday, July 3, 2016

9:00A.M.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

PRELUDE: Variations on "America" by David N. Johnson

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our souls wait for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

People: Our hearts are glad in Him, because we trust in His Holy Name.

Pastor: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: The people whom He has chosen as His heritage.

All: Let us worship Almighty God.

* HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken Bunessan

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

Gracious God, we confess our sin and seek forgiveness. Our lives are cluttered with doubts, fears and too many things. Even our culture is driven by greed and our vision becomes blurred. We only hear what we want to hear, and filter out what demands change in ourselves to enable You to establish Your kingdom among us.

Forgive us for being unsure of the future, and renew the conviction that Your grace is sufficient for all our needs –in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, and in our nation. This we ask in the name of the One who came that we might have life and that Your grace have it abundantly, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord (moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 33: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC: When Peace, like a River *and* The Water is Wide
arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: St. John 8: 31-38

* HYMN 721 My Country, 'Tis of Thee America

SERMON: ARE WE HONORING OUR FREEDOM? Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Deck Thyself, O Dear Souls by Johann Gottfried Walther

* 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

*COMMUNION HYMN: 384 Here at Thy Table, Lord Bread of Life

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (all are invited to Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC: Today, God's Only-Gotten Son J.S. Bach

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 720 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Materna

BENEDICTION: (unison)

Grant us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which can bear with praise, to hate what in Thy sight is unworthy, to prize what to Thee is precious, and above all, to search out and to do what is well-pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Rigaudon Andre Campra

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY JULY 4th AND MAY THIS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE TODAY BE A BLESSING TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE MONTH OF JULY. Please stay behind to enjoy a delightful reception.

WE EXTEND A VERY SINCERE WELCOME THIS MORNING TO CAROLYN WEGLEIN who will be providing our music leadership while Patti Amato is heading to Graz, Austria for her musical commitments.

SPARE COPIES OF OUR SUMMER VISIONARY are available on the lounge piano. Please take some to share with friends and neighbors.

MISSION NEWS: At our recent Board Meeting, the following contributions were unanimously approved:

\$1000 Maryland Bible Society
\$250 SPCA
\$250 BARC
\$1000 Family Crisis Center

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 EACH THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to join us for a stimulating experience and to get to know our sister congregations which worship here.

PASTORAL CARE IN 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

One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

-John F. Kennedy-