

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016



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Sunday, June 12, 2016

9:00A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: My Faith Looks up to Thee Olivet, arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With the Psalmist we declare: "We will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in our mouths.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

All: O, Magnify the Lord and let us exalt His name together!" Amen.

* HYMN 56 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

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

O God, we rejoice in the beauty of Your creation. There is so much to celebrate each day and You make us a grateful people. How we wish that our gratitude would be reflected in our lives at all times and places. However, our sin is all too apparent to You and to us. Therefore, we come asking for Your pardon. Our hearts have wandered from Your ways and other loyalties have captured our allegiance. We have settled for lesser solutions to the problems that plague us and our society. We have pursued power rather than peace and our own internal peace has been sacrificed. Forgive these and our other sins. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC: Adoreo te Devote arr. Nancy Raabe

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 9: 1-41

* HYMN 80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need Resignation

SERMON: "THE PUZZLE OF HEALING" Dr. Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 73 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wellesley

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: God of Day and God of Darkness
 Beech Spring arr. Linda Trapp

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

5803 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 439 God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Sicilian Mariners

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: Christ is Alive Truro, arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

MAY EVERYONE FEEL AT HOME in our worship experience today. May you see this hour of this day as the engine which pulls all the other carriages along on your journey.

PLEASE REMAIN FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION prepared for everyone in the church lounge after worship. Meet new friends.

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BACK to our pulpit, the Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole. He and his wife Donna are very much a part of our St. Andrew's family.

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.

MISSION NEWS. The next meeting of our Mission and Dream Team will be held here at church on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited as we explore additions to our 25 mission projects.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) BOARD will be held here at church on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

LOOKING BACK OVER THIS PAST CHURCH YEAR, we want to express our abounding thanks to everyone who contributes to the life and mission of St. Andrew's. Especially we are grateful to our ushers, our mission committee, our financial team, our child care givers, our "flower" people, our reception team, our bulletin preparers, and not least everyone who supports our mission as much as they can do.

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

God gave me this physical impairment to remind me
that I am not the greatest: He is.

– Muhammad Ali-(May 16, 1988)