

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2016**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor***

**Patricia McKewen Amato, *Music Director***

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

**9:00A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Chorale, Suite Gothique, L Boellman

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship Almighty God.

**People: God has said, "Seek My Face."**

Pastor: We gather, claiming God's presence.

**People: Our hearts respond: "Your face do we seek."**

**All: Let us worship Almighty God who created us.**

\*HYMN 4

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

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

**O God, we thank You for revealing Yourself to us. In You and Your gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ we receive the greatest gift and the greatest hope in the world. Yet somehow we continue to behave as if we belong to this earthly world alone and not to You.**

**Our love for others is sometimes hesitant, our sense of fairness selectively dispensed, and our vision of the people You want us to be often appears blurred by our limited faith. Forgive us, refresh us with Your pardon, and challenge us with a renewed determination to be more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name and with His grace we pray.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 123

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Priere a Notre Dame, Suite Gothique

GOSPEL LESSON:

St. Matthew 25: 31-46

\*HYMN 250

O Breath of Life

St. Clement

SERMON:

INASMUCH

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Nettleton

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY How Long O God, Land of Rest, arr. Nancy Raabe

\*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 705 Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Battle Hymn of the Republic

BENEDICTION (unison)

**With glad hearts we go forth to the opportunities that lie before us.  
May we, with the strength of compassion and the certainty of faith,  
reach out beyond ourselves to touch and to bless the lives of others.  
Dearest God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, go with us  
every day. Amen**

POSTLUDE

Menuet, Suite Gothique

## **WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SPECIAL HOLY DAY**

**UPON THIS SECOND SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF LENT, WE WELCOME EACH AND EVERYONE.** This is a God-given opportunity to re-arrange the priorities in our daily living, and to make every day more acceptable to Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

**LET EVERYONE ALSO JOIN US FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION** in the lounge after worship, with ongoing thanks to those who have prepared it.

**ALSO ON A PASTORAL NOTE** As a church family, we continue to miss Jane Ness very much. Our prayers continue to be with the family and friends. A service for Jane was held on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are some spare bulletins of the service on the lounge piano.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP WILL BE SPECIAL FOR SEVERAL REASONS.** It will be partly a celebration of the birthday for our pastor, Ernest Smart. Our "guest" preacher will be Rev. Dr. Easter Smart, daughter of Ernest and Rosemary. Easter is currently the minister of Currie Kirk in Edinburgh, Scotland. One of Baltimore's finest bag-pipers, Francis Wallace, will also be present to add to the special music.

**OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB** will be holding its Lenten Meeting at the Hopkins Club on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Barbara Pour with any questions. (410-377-4046)

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR BOARD (Planning and Review)** will be held after worship on Sunday, March 26, 2017. EVERYONE is welcome.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

"To make a living, a person must work.  
To make a life, a person must worship."  
– Joseph Fort Newson-