

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**



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Sunday, March 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PRELUDE: Song of St. Patrick, Marty Haugen, setting Janet Linker

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: For God alone we gather to worship. Our hearts and minds are fixed on the Eternal.

**People: Our words, yea all that we are, we offer as praise: "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)**

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

**People: It is God who made us, to whom we belong; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. (from Psalm 100)**

\*HYMN 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

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

**O God of all truth and love, we acknowledge before You our deep need for a new birth of Christ's spirit in the world; in the suspicion which divides humanity; in the timidity which hold back good causes; and in the indifference which leaves evil to go unchecked.**

**Remove blinders from our eyes that keep us from seeing those around us who have needs and sorrows, those who ache, those who are hungry, tired, weary, frustrated, disillusioned, depressed and hopeless. Breathe within us the breath of joy. Well up within us that living water that comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord. Open our eyes this day to what we can become through Him who suffered and died for us and lives again. This is our prayer which we offer in His strong name. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1: 15-23

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Songs of Hope for the Journey

arr. Elaine Rendler

GOSPEL LESSON

St. Matthew 25: 31-46

\*HYMN 250

O Breath of Life

St. Clement

SERMON: "A MATTER OF JUDGMENT"

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMNAL 359                      Apostolic Affirmation of Faith (The Creed)

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:                      Land of Rest                      arr. Andrew Moore

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 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 705                      Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory                      Battle Hymn of the Republic

THE 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. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:                      O Sacred Head Now Wounded                      Herzliche Tut Mich Verlangen  
arr. Nancy Raabe

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

### **WE WELCOME YOU ALL ON THIS FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF LENT.**

Traditionally, this Sunday has been known as Passion Sunday, an occasion for recognizing all that Jesus Christ has done for us and THE COST. May this worship service be a real blessing to you.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US** for a wee while in the church lounge after worship to enjoy a light reception. We thank those who have prepared it.

**WINTER/SPRING VISIONARIES.** We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's Newsletter. Please feel free to take a few and share them around among your friends and neighbors.

**OUR BALTIMORE CHURCH BUS TOUR** will leave St. Andrew's at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2016. The bus fare is \$20 made out to Broadway services or cash. An envelope is on the piano today. Bring another \$20 for a 2 course lunch at Sotta Sopra.

**OUR NEXT MISSION AND DREAM TEAM MEETING** will be held on ednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. here at church. Everyone is invited to come with ideas and suggestions.

**OUR SAINT ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB** will hold its March meeting at the Hopkins Club on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. The theme: What happened on Holy Saturday, when the Apostles' Creed refers to Christ "descended into hell"? The discussion will take place a meal after at the Grill.

**ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS.** Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to our 2016 Easter celebration. Forms are on the lounge piano. Checks please to First Christian Church.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES PLANNED FOR HOLY WEEK:**

**Sunday, March 20, 2016:** Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, March 24, 2016:** Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 35, 2016:** At Noon, come and share our Good Friday meditation and Scripture accounts of Jesus's great sacrifice.

### **Thought for the Week Ahead:**

"Character is the only secure foundation of our nation."  
Calvin Coolidge (30<sup>th</sup> President)