

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 2016



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Sunday, March 5, 2017

9:00A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Spanish Rhapsody for Solo Violin, op. 9 by Jaroslav Vaněček
Emmanuel Borowsky, violin

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord because He is good. His
Love is eternal.

**People: Who can tell all the great things He has done? Who can praise
Him enough?**

Pastor: Happy are those who obey His commands, who always do what is
right. (from Psalm 106)

*HYMN 72 To God be the Glory To God be the Glory

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

**Loving and gracious God, from whose presence we cannot flee, and from
whose knowledge we cannot hide, give us grace to admit and lament our faults.
Forbid it that we should deceive ourselves with the thoughts that we are sinless,
or try to find excuses for the failings of which our conscience accuses us.**

**We have sinned by departing from Your ways, by taking Your gifts for
granted and by indulging our desires. Our pride and our stubbornness have caused
You grief. We humbly confess that we are no longer fit to be called Your children.
But be merciful to us, O God, and forgive us. Grant us hope and a clean, fresh start
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC: Special Music: Trio No. 2, "HARDY"
Frances Borowsky, cello Elizabeth Borowsky, piano Emmanuel Borowsky, violin

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 4: 1-11

*HYMN 77 On Eagle's Wings On Eagle's Wings

SERMON: SUCH TANTALIZING TEMPTATIONS Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY The Swan, Camille Saint-Saens
Frances Borowsky, cello and Elizabeth Borowsky, piano

*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 welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC Raumeri from "Scenes from Childhood"
by Robert Schumann Elizabeth Borowsky, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 622 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION (unison)

May God who is the ground of all hope, fill us with all joy and peace as we lead the life of faith until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we overflow with hope. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Postlude: Primavera Porteno by Astor Piazzolla
Frances Borowsky, cello Elizabeth Borowsky, piano Emmanuel Borowsky, violin

WELCOME NOTES

ANOTHER GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY. LET US GIVE THANKS. How good it is that you are part of St. Andrew's worshipping community on this first Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is an invitation to each and all of us to begin a spiritual journey with the guiding presence of Jesus Christ. Every day we will have the opportunity to experience cleansing, renewal, hope and purpose. Such are Christ's blessings. Please also join us for a light reception after today's worship.

WE EXPRESS OUR ONGOING THANKS to everyone who participated in the Empty Bowls project last Sunday, and to Barbara Pour for planning the happy occasion. We have budding Picassos in our midst.

MANY THANKS ALSO to those who contributed to and attended our Ash Wednesday Service last week.

WE ALSO WELCOME BACK TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY the three members of the Borowsky family, Elizabeth (piano), Frances (cello) and Emmanuel (violin.) They always add so much to the spirit of our worship experience.

THIS MORNING WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We are the guests of Jesus Christ. Anyone who wishes to have Home Communion should contact our pastor, Ernest Smart at 410-893-9470.

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.

IN THE MOOD FOR A WEE BIRTHDAY PARTY? Our Pastor, Ernest Smart "confesses: that Sunday, March 19 will be his birthday. A happy gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Everyone is invited.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

"Because Jesus Himself has passed through the test of suffering,
He is able to help those who are in the midst of their test. "

(Hebrews 2:18)