

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016



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Sunday, May 1, 2016

9:00A.M.

LET US WORSHIP GOD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

PRELUDE: Allemande French Suite No.5 in G Major J.S. Bach

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make Your face to shine upon us,

People: That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving grace among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God. Let all the peoples praise You.

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity, and guide the nations upon the earth.

(from Psalm 67)

* HYMN 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God Ellacombe

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

Loving God, may Your grace come like the floodtide to wash us clean and lift us from the grip of past failures to be all that we have been called to be. May Your guiding power drive us on with a renewed and deeper purpose that will give us confidence and sure direction amid the swirling currents of the day.

Give us the will to recommit our lives and hearts and souls to following Your way, serving Your church and fulfilling its ministries in the home, the workplace, and in all our walks through life, even as those early followers who, by so doing, changed the world...(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 11: 26, 12: 1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC: This Day God Gives Me Bunessan
settings Richard Proulx and Lynn Trapp

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 3: 7-21

* HYMN 576 My Faith Looks Up to Thee Olivet

SERMON: "WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP?" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Day is Done Ae Hyd Nos arr. Barry Bobb

* 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 419 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Holy Manna

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC: Healer of Our Every Ill Mary Haugen, arr. Keith Kolander

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chalice Hymnal 307
Malotte

* HYMN 715 Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket

BENEDICTION:

**Lord God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, walk with us
in the days ahead. Inspire us to noble living in word and deed, and
bring us back again together the next Lord's Day. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Courante, French Suite No.5 in G Major J.S. Bach

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

WELCOME TO YOU ALL ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY. We are called to be Easter people, believing wholeheartedly in the power of the Resurrection and the blessings of Christ's presence with love, hope, peace, and joy in abundance. Please join us for a delightful reception in the church lounge immediately after this morning's worship. Many thanks to those who have prepared it.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. All are invited to come to the communion table to receive the elements. House communion is also available for the housebound. Please let our pastor, Ernest Smart, know. (410-893-0470).

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.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE reported the following donations:

Maryland Food Bank -- \$1,000

McKim Center -- \$1,000

Habitat for Humanity for the Chesapeake -- \$500

Our Daily Bread Employment Center/Catholic Charities -- \$500

Shepherd's Clinic -- \$1000

TWO MAY DATES TO NOTE:

May 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. here at church. First Christian Church (owners of this building) will be holding a Town Hall Gathering to explore and share ideas for the future of this church building. Members of all five congregations are invited. Copies of the invitation to St. Andrew's are to be found on the lounge piano.

Saturday May 21, 2016. Come and enjoy a day of Scottish Highland Games and Sports at Fairhill. Brochures can be found on the lounge piano.

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

“Sin is estrangement: Grace is reconciliation.”

-Paul Tillich, theologian-