

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016



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Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:00A.M.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

PRELUDE: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Materna, setting Charles Callahan

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We have come to worship Almighty God in all His glory and all His love,

People: To thank Him for His goodness to us and to offer Him our obedient and faithful service.

All: We have come to learn a new way of living, in deeper faith as Jesus Christ has taught us.

* HYMN 17 O Worship the King Lyons

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

God of goodness, the truth of Your love remains constant. But our lives have been untrue to You, to others and even to ourselves. Our thoughts, words and deeds have lacked faith, love and sensitivity. We are sometimes troubled by the memory of things left unsaid and undone.

God of grace, ready and willing to forgive and restore, may Your spirit of love in Christ crucified and risen so fill us with light and hope that our lives may be lived to Your praise and glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 7: 13-17

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rendez A Dieu arr. Emma lou Diemer

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 4: 31-38

* HYMN 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

SERMON: TOUCHED BY TRADITION Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

* HYMN Word of God that Never Changes (see insert) tune: Hymn to Joy

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Beautiful Savior 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 Hymnal 307 Tune: Malotte

* HYMN 721 My Country, 'Tis of Thee America

BENEDICTION:

Eternal God, You are the light of the minds that know You; the joy of the hearts that love You, and the strength of the wills that serve You. Grant us to know You that we may truly love You, and so to love You that we may fully serve You, whom to serve is perfect freedom.

POSTLUDE: God of Our Fathers National Hymn arr. David Schack

WORD OF GOD THAT NEVER CHANGES

Word of God, dispel all darkness, flood our hearts and minds with light.
Teach us mercy, love and kindness while we strive for truth and right.

Word of God, descend from heaven, fill our souls made void by sin.
May we walk the path you've chosen, till our lives are pure within.

Word of God, display your power, free our world from senseless strife.
Set our thoughts on Christ our Savior, fountain of eternal life.

Refrain

Mighty as the mountain ranges, ageless as the ancient sea,
Word of God that never changes, guide us through eternity.

By Barclay Newman
(Tune: "Hymn to Joy" by Beethoven)

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

WE WELCOME YOU ALL FOR THIS MEMORIAL WEEKEND WORSHIP, especially those who are friends and visitors. Please join us for a light reception in the lounge afterwards.

MISSION NEWS: At our last Board meeting, the following gifts were unanimously approved:

The Community School	\$1000
Helping Up Mission	\$1000
The McKim Center Summer Camp	\$1000
Joseph Ritchie Hospice	\$ 500
Women's Housing Coalition	\$1000

A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT THE "TOWN HALL" METING ON MAY 10. Many ideas and suggestions were made regarding the future use of these church facilities (owned by First Christian Church.) However, since possible changes may not happen for several years, all congregations currently using the church, including St. Andrew's, will continue as usual for the foreseeable future.

WHAT KEEPS ST. ANDREW'S GOING? Faith, of course. But we also wish to acknowledge the tremendous amount of time, energy, talent and resources from so many wonderful members of our church family: the ushers, the finance team, our flower committee, our mission team, our bulletin preparers, our education staff and not least those who contribute handsomely to keep our church on track.

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR INSERTED HYMN FOR TODAY. Barclay Newman, American Bible Society Chief Translation Officer, and head of the CEV Translation Team, wrote this hymn, "Word of God that Never Changes: for the Bible Society in New Zealand to use in 1993. Barclay says he has written between 400 and 500 hymns throughout the years.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at our Morning Worship next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

"Don't pray for an easy life; ask God to make you a stronger person."

-Phillips Brooks-