

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016



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Sunday, May 8, 2016

9:00A.M.

MOTHER'S DAY

PRELUDE: Telemann Sonata for Two Violins in D Major Movement 1, Dolce

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the world.

People: Sing to the Lord and praise! Proclaim every day the Good News that He has saved us.

Pastor: Proclaim the glory to the nations, His mighty acts to all people.

All: We are glad to worship Almighty God.

* HYMN 18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old 100th

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

Merciful and Gracious God, we confess before You our blindness of heart, our poverty of life, our littleness, our meanness and our sin. We have not followed after Christ. We have not given love to the loveless, and the lost. Change our lives, O God. Give us light that we may be light to those whose lives are darkened and fearful and depressed.

Help and uphold us when the temptations of the world press upon us. Show us Your service. Open Your will to us that we may become more faithful and useful to You. Strengthen us when our hearts grow weak, and when hope and trust flicker and fail within us. Raise us when we fall; give us the power to stand, and lend us the guiding light of the Cross of Christ to lead us home where shadows are no more. In His Name we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 86: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC: C.P.E. Bach: Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Movement 2 Larghetto

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1: 15-23

* Hymn 77 On Eagle's Wings On Eagle's Wings

SERMON: "TUNING UP OUR PRAYER LIFE" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

* HYMN 280

God is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: C.P.E. Bach: Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Movement 3:
Poco Allegro

*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 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

**Wherever we go, may the joy of God be gracious with us.
Wherever we go, may the peace of Christ be kindly with us.
Wherever we go, may the compassion of the Spirit be with us to bless us and keep us this day and forevermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: LeClair sonata for Two Violins in A Major Opus 3, No. 2 Movement 3,
Allegro

ENJOY THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY AS GOD'S GIFT TO US

EVERYONE TODAY is part of St. Andrew's Christian Community at worship. We hope and pray that this week will be an experience of God's blessings of hope, forgiveness, grace and joy for everyone. Then share those blessings with everyone around you.

ONCE AGAIN, please join us for a light and enjoyable reception in the church lounge after worship. Many thanks always to those who have prepared it.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to our guest violinists today: Kristin Bakkegard and Paul Bagley.

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR MISSION COMMITTEE AND DREAM TEAM will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 3:00 P.M. here at church. New ideas and new people are always welcome.

THE NEXT P & R (planning and review) MEETING will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. here at church. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEEING here at church on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. First Christian Church who own this building wish to explore and share ideas for the future use of these facilities. Members of all give congregations are invited. Copies of the invitation are to 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

"Humor is a prelude to faith and laughter is the beginning of prayer."

-Reinhold Neibuhr- (theologian)