

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016



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Sunday, October 30, 2016

9:00A.M.

RE-FORMATION SUNDAY

PRELUDE Healer of Our Every Ill, Marty Haugen arr. Keith Kolander

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We praise and worship the God who made us.

People: We praise and worship the God who brought us salvation.

Pastor: We have been taught new lessons in Him.

People: By His example we have learned a new depth of caring for one another.

Pastor: He has taught us that Love is all that the law demands.

All: Let us worship Almighty God with heart and soul and voice.

*HYMN 275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

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

God of all times and places, we rejoice that You have called us to be Your covenant people. We see Your great love for us so clearly in Jesus Christ. In Him You have taught us to love one another.

We confess that we have not always been so supportive of our sisters and brothers, nor have we been sensitive to those in need of prayers and help. We have left important work to others, when You called us to join them in ministry. Remind us of who we are and whom we represent in our daily lives. Forgive our sin and renew us with Your pardon... (*moment of silent reflection*)

Pastor: Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. **People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

CHALICE HYMNAL 569 Jesus, Remember Me (sing twice)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 3: 21-31

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Old Rugged Cross arr. Nancy Raabe

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 16: 13-20

*HYMN 276 We Gather Together Kremser

SERMON: "LUTHER, CALVIN, KNOX AND US" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Here I Am Lord, D. Schutte arr. Janet Linker

* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
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 65 A Mighty Fortress is Our God Ein' Feste Burg

BENEDICTION (in unison)

**May God grant us the grace to follow the saints in faith, hope and love.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, LAUDA ANIMA,
arr. Richard Hobby

A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES (Old Celtic Greeting)

IT IS TRULY A JOY AND A PRIVILEGE to be gathered here to worship Almighty God. May each and all feel God's presence, love, wisdom and guidance for these challenging days. Let us also share these blessings with others.

TODAY IS TRADITIONALLY CALLED "REFORMATION SUNDAY." It is a challenge to everyone who cares about and loves the church of Christ to keep focused on the basics of the faith. The main guiding principle is (in Latin) *Ecclesia Reformata Semper Reformanda* translated as "The church reformed and always reforming."

PLEASE JOIN US for a delightful reception after worship. We continue to thank those who have prepared it. Let us be thankful and enjoy our friends "old" and new. Guests and visitors are invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary.

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

Maryland Food Bank	\$500	Meals on Wheels	\$1000
Art with a Heart	\$500	Family Crisis Center	\$1000
Children's Chorus of Maryland	\$1000	MDVETS	\$1000

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 Come, participate and enjoy our third Craft Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Details are on the lounge board along with sign up sheets. Any questions? Please call our team leader, Claire Blair (410-248- 0721)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13. After worship, we will hold our 13th St. Andrew's Christian Community Birthday Party in the Fellowship Hall, to be followed by our Annual Business Meeting. God has blessed us in so many ways.

FALL VISIONARIES. Everyone should have received a copy this past week. Spare copies are to be found on the lounge piano. Once again we are grateful to Barbara Lewis, Joyce Brown and Deirdre Tanton for sharing their talents and creativity.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Phyllis Karrer who died very suddenly on Thursday, October 20. Phyllis was a most faithful and regular supporter of St. Andrew's for many years. We will miss her happy and cheerful self very much. A Memorial Service is being planned to take place in a few weeks.

REMEMBER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1. ALL SAINTS' DAY! THAT'S US!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

"The Church which is married to the Spirit of its Age will be a widow in the next."

-Dean Inge-