

Sunday, April 12, 2015

9:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

PRELUDE Voluntary on This is the Feast of Victory Charles Callahan

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather to worship the Lord Who soul-feeds us.

People: For there is a hunger within us that only God can fill.

Pastor: And there is a thirst within us that only God can quench.

**People: United with our Risen Christ and with like-hearted disciples,
we gather around Christ's Table for our soul-feast.**

**Unison: Our help is in the name of the Lord. Let us worship God.
Amen.**

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

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

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we
confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound Your
self to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ You serve
us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love You fully nor love one another as You command. In
Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your Table
and unite us in Christ who is the bread of life and the vine from which
we grow in grace. (silent reflection and confession)**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98

SPECIAL MUSIC: Alleluia, Give Thanks arr. Tom Porter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 3: 1-11

*HYMN 67 O God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

SERMON: "THANKS TO A SMART ALECK KID!" Dr. George G. Toole
(a first- person sermon)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY This Joyful Eastertide Vruechten, arr. Paul Bowman

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 195 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hamburg

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC:

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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 95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jesus Christ is Risen Today Easter Hymn arr. Kevin Sadowski

WELCOME NOTES

THIS MORNING EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ACCEPT CHRIST'S GIFT OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT. The idea behind the word "sacrament" is that it is a life-changing

MAY EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING FEEL THE CONTINUING JOY, ENERGY AND VICTORY OF EASTER. It is a power to conquer the world. There is much to celebrate. There is much for which to be thankful. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

VERY SPECIAL THANKS are due to all who contributed so much to the joyful spirit of Easter. Especially we wish to thank those who provided the dozens of Easter lilies and flowers.

OUR PREACHER THIS MORNING IS OUR GOOD FRIEND REV. DR. GEORGE GRAY TOOLE. George and his wife Donna, are very much part of our St. Andrew's family.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR P&R (Planning and Review) BOARD will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR SPRING BUS TRIPS:

Monday, April 27. Come and enjoy a happy visit to the National Arboretum and visit the Bonsai and Herb gardens, along with a tram ride and lunch. Sign up sheets on the lounge piano.

Tuesday, May 12. We will visit the new Seminary Ridge Museum. The entrance fee is \$7.70. Please sing up on the appropriate sheet on the lounge piano. Everyone is welcome to join us.

OUR SAINT ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB MEETING will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Pour. Her address: 6110 Bellinham Court #621, Elkridge Estates. (Tel: 420-377-4046) New members always welcome.

COME FOR A FEAST OF GOOD MUSIC THIS EVENING HERE AT CHURCH AT 6:30 P.M. The program will be presented by Baltimore Musicale and everyone is invited. A suggested donation of \$10 will be received prior to the presentation.

Thought for the Week Ahead

"Act the way you would like to be, and soon you will be the way you act."

- Dr. George W. Crane-

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