

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015



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Sunday, August 2, 2015

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: Prelude and Air Robert Powell

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us. God has called us to this place and to a life of love and service.

People: All of us seek purpose in living.

Pastor: We come, conscious of our rich tradition, encircled by a cloud of unseen witnesses, looking for guideposts at the crossroads, directing us to new avenues of service.

People: With joy in our hearts, and openness to God's presence, we come to worship Almighty God.

*HYMN 110 You Servants of God Hanover

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

Lord God, You gave us a new life in our Lord Jesus Christ, and with it unmistakable standards by which to live. We confess to You that, while we are familiar with them, we do not always live by them. There have been times when our lives have been marked by selfish desires, anxieties and lack of faith in You.

Enable us to pursue Your will for our lives that will reflect a good measure of hope, strength, confidence and joy, knowing that we have the promised companionship of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for our forgetfulness and confused priorities. Enable us to be good and effective ambassadors for the faith that this world needs so much. Always in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 33: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC: My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Hayes/Wagner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 3: 12-17

*HYMN 494 They'll Know We Are Christians St. Brendans

SERMON: "MUSICAL AVENUES TO GOD" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Hayes/Wagner

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 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC: Improvisation on 'Bread of Life' Charles Callahan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 5 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

Glory to God our Creator Who gives us life. Glory to Jesus Christ who calls us to serve. Glory to the Spirit Who empowers us and guides us, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: You Shall Go Out With Joy Douglas Wagner

WELCOME NOTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR WHOLE SELF TO WORSHIP THIS DAY: BODY, MIND AND SOUL. Let us give thanks for all the blessings that God gives us every day, and let us share such blessings with those who need them most.

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME. You are invited to sign the guest book at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join everyone for a light reception in the lounge after worship.

WE ALSO EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO ELLEN ADAJIAN who is our music leader for today, during Patti Amato's absence.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY ROBERT KENNICK IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, SYDNEY KENNICK who died in 2007. We thank him for his generosity. Bob is also on the board of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION IS BEING CELEBRATED TODAY. Home Communion is also available for those unable to be here. Please contact our pastor, Ernest Smart.

GARDEN WATERING AND WEEDING OPPORTUNITY. The church garden would love to have a little of your time and wedding expertise each week. There are still spaces on the sheet on the lounge piano.

COME AND ENJOY ANOTHER BALTIMORE MUSICALE ON AUGUST 9, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. HERE AT CHURCH. Some of Baltimore's outstanding young musicians will present a program of the Songs of Shakespeare. Everyone is invited. A donation of \$10 is suggested. A delightful reception will be held afterwards.

PASTORAL CARE: Please do not hesitate to call our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470

Thought for the Week Ahead

"Expose yourself to great music if you would experience the peace of soul which flows from the deeps of life."

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