

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015



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Sunday, August 23, 2015

9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Arabesque in C major, Op. 18 Robert Schumann

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: What do we know about the world and about ourselves?

**People: Scripture says that God claims Earth and everything in it.
God claims the world and all who live on it.**

Pastor: Then let us worship our God and offer praise and obedience.

**People: Let us respond to our God with joyful voices and with the
offering of our lives. Amen.**

*HYMN 59 This Is My Father's World Terra Beata

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

**O God of Creation, we rejoice in nature's beauty in which we
see the evidence of your great love for us. You have given us the
environment in which to thrive and to love You and one another. And
yet we confess our ingratitude. We spoil creation and mistrust those
very people that surround us in Your world. Forgive our sins and
restore both Your creation and Your people. We are now the "new
creatures in Christ" meant to serve You and to alert the world to the
Good News. Pardon our sins, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 5: 3-21

SPECIAL MUSIC: Reverie Claude Debussy

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5: 3-12

*HYMN 322 O Word of God Incarnate Munich

SERMON: "UPSIDE DOWN" Rev. Dr. Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 621 "Are Ye Able," Said the Master Beacon Hill

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Fugue in c minor, BWV 871, from "The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2" Johann Sebastian Bach

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 THE 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 717 Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Rhapsody in b minor, Op. 79 No. 1 Johannes Brahms

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS HOLY DAY

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY is your church family today, if not every Sunday. May this experience of worship be a real blessing and encouragement to you and all who are important to you. We are all God's children.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to remain for a wee while after worship to enjoy a light reception prepared for you. We sincerely thank those who have prepared it.

OUR WORSHIP LEADER TODAY IS OUR GOOD FRIEND, REV. DR. GEORGE GRAY TOOLE. Please give him your customary enthusiastic welcome. He will also be our preacher next Sunday during Rev. Ernest Smart's absence.

OUR MUSIC LEADER THIS MORNING IS CLINTON ADAMS. We thank him for his excellent musicianship. We appreciate his talents enormously. Our own music leader, Patti Amato, will be welcomed back to our church family next Sunday.

OUR WATERING AND WEEDING CHURCH GARDEN PROJECT. There are still spaces on the sheet available for the rest of the summer. See the volunteer sheet on the lounge piano.

FOR INTEREST AND INFORMATION, there have been a number of meetings among the clergy of the Roland Park area to discuss how together we might make a contribution to the healing of Baltimore's wounds. We will keep everyone informed.

PASTORAL NEEDS Should there be any pastoral emergency during Ernest Smart's absence, please feel free to contact Dr. Toole at 1-410-692-9662 (home) or 443-417-8060 (cell).

CHILD CARE. We continue to offer excellent child care every Sunday during worship. Please spread the word.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

The poor have sometimes objected to being governed badly;
the rich have always objected to being governed at all.

-G.K. Chesterton-