

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor*  
Patricia McKewen Amato, *Music Director***

**Sunday, August 30, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Create in Me A Clean Heart Brown Bannister  
Leah Inger, Soprano, and Fatima Petersen, Mezzo Soprano

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather to worship God, the giver of life.

**People: We gather to worship Jesus Christ, God's Son, the giver of new life in the Spirit.**

Pastor: The gift of life is a wondrous thing and we rejoice in it.

**People: We give our lives to God in service to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe Den Herren

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

**Most gracious God, You have blessed us with the wondrous gift of life. In it we come to know all your many blessings. Our eyes behold the beauty of creation. Our ears celebrate word and music. Our minds and hands create productive labors. Our hearts come to know and return the love of You and others. And yet, we settle for limited vision, empty words and melodies, and devalue the love that is woven into our relationships. Forgive us. "Renew in us a right spirit" and lead us to give refreshed lives for Christ's service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 8

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Lord is My Strength and My Song G.F. Handel  
Leah Inger, Soprano, and Fatima Petersen, Mezzo Soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 3: 12-17

\*HYMN 348 More About Jesus Would I Know Sweney

SERMON: "LIVING OUR LIVES CAREFULLY"

Rev. Dr. Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 610

Living for Jesus

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Laudamus Te, GLORIA

A Vivaldi

Leah Inger, Soprano, and Fatima Petersen, Mezzo Soprano

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 611

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Festal Song

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Fanfare

Henry Purcell

## **WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS HOLY DAY**

**WE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER TODAY TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR LOVING CREATOR.** God's presence in all around us every hour of every day and night. St. Augustine encouraged us to practice the presence of God EVERY day.

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION IN THE LOUNGE AFTER WORSHIP.** Come and meet new and "old" friends. Thanks again to those who have prepared it.

**WE WELCOME AS OUR WORSHIP LEADER TODAY REV. DR. GEORGE GRAY TOOLE.** He and his wife Donna are very much a part of our St. Andrew's family.

**WELCOME BACK, PATTI AMATO.** It is wonderful to have you "back in the saddle!" We continue to hope and trust that the summer months have been happy and refreshing.

**WE WELCOME** Leah Inger, Soprano, and Fatima Petersen, Mezzo Soprano as our guest singers today.

**OUR WATERING AND WEEDING CHURCH GARDEN PROJECT.** Many thanks to those who signed up to help. The weeds continue to grow so anyone and everyone is invited to spare an hour or two to weed during the week. Thank you in anticipation.

**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** Our own pastor, Ernest Smart, will return from his summer vacation and be available from Wednesday, September 2. The best contact number is 410-893-9470 (home)

### **Thought for the Week Ahead:**

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.  
Abraham Lincoln