

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Sunday, July 26, 2015

9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

PRELUDE: Morning Hymn Flor Peeters

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has come upon us. Let us rejoice.

People: Praise the Lord, all creation.

Pastor: For God's name alone is to be exalted.

People: God's glory is above heaven and earth.

*HYMN 2 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

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

Most gracious God, we are ashamed to confess that we have tried Your patience and grieved Your Holy Spirit. We have been absorbed with material things, as if your life depended on them. We have spent far too much time on our own concerns and pleasures. We have thought too highly of ourselves, and been offended when we received small praise. And we, who are not quite honest or truthful, have begun to believe we are saints.

Supply us, O God, with the gift to see ourselves as others see us. Thereafter show us ourselves as You see us. And then forgive those of us who are humble and contrite. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 126

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jesus, Take My Hand Calvin Taylor

GOSPEL LESSON: ST. Luke 11: 5-13

*HYMN 717 Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

SERMON: "DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 585

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

Toccata

Girolamo Frescobaldi

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 234

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

THE BENEDICTION

**May the love of God the Father enfold us,
May the wisdom of the Son enlighten us,
May the fire of the Spirit enflame us;
And may the blessing of God rest upon us,
And abide with us, now and evermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

WELCOME NOTES

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

MAY EVERYONE FEEL TRULY WELCOMED IN THIS MOST VALUABLE HOUR OF WORSHIP. The word ‘worship’ is derived from the old English idea of ‘worthship’ – that is, we worship whatever is most valuable in life. Can there be any better reason for coming together to worship Almighty God every Sunday?

PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception in the lounge after worship. Again, we thank those who have prepared it.

WE ARE ALSO HAPPY AGAIN TO WELCOME CAROLYN WEGLEIN who is our music leader for today, during Patti Amato’s absence.

GARDEN WATERING 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.

STIMULATING SEMINAR SERIES WILL HAVE ITS FINAL GATHERING HERE AT CHURCH THURSDAY, July 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The Theme is: “The Genesis of Justice: Stories which Shape our Ethics.” Our own pastor, Rev. Ernest Smart, will present the final lecture on the theme of justice under the title, “What would Amos say about Baltimore?” A light reception will be held immediately afterwards. This is a great opportunity to mingle with members of other congregations who worship here.

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

NOT LEAST: We take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful people who devote so much time and energy towards the life and soul of St. Andrew’s: those who provide flowers for worship each Sunday, music plans, ushering duties, collection and counting the offering, our mission committee, those who prepare the bulletins and certainly not least, everyone who contributes so generously.

Thought for the Week Ahead

**“Tell me, and I’ll forget; show me and I may not remember;
involve me and I’ll understand.”
–Chinese proverb–**