

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015



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Sunday, July 5, 2015

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: Overture from Partita in D major BWV 828 J.S. Bach

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: I will praise you my God and King, and always honor Your name.

People: I will praise You each day and always honor Your name.

**All: You are wonderful, Lord, and You deserve all praise because
You are much greater than anyone can understand.**

(Psalm 145, vs. 1-3)

*HYMN 17 O Worship the King Lyons

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

**Loving and gracious God, You know our deepest desires, and
we know the vision of Your kingdom. We bring before You those
elements in our lives in need of Your transforming power; that which
we use, waste or neglect; that pride we surrender with reluctance; that
which we believe is not good enough to meet the challenges
before us.**

**Inspire and disturb us to examine our deepest desires and
motives. May we be cleansed of all that is not pleasing and acceptable
to You. Prepare us for Your way, O Lord, let Your kingdom come, let
Your will be done through us...** (moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. **People: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 5: 1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: Allemande, from Partita in D major BWV 828 J.S. Bach

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 11: 25-30

*HYMN 721 My Country 'Tis of Thee America

SERMON: "WHO CAN UNDERSTAND FREEDOM?" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Aria, from Partita in D major BW 828 J.S. 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

*COMMUNION HYMN 406 Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite Belmont

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to participate)

COMMUNION MUSIC

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 720 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Materna

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

Benedict (480-543)

O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive Thee, diligence to seek Thee, patience to wait for Thee, eyes to behold Thee, a heart to meditate upon Thee, and a life to proclaim Thee; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Gigue, from Partita in D major, BWV 828 J.S. Bach

WELCOME NOTES

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND. Be assured of an abundance of God's love, power and guidance in all of your activities for the week ahead.

WE ALSO EXTEND A VERY SINCERE WELCOME TO CLINTON ADAMS who is our music leader for today, during Patti Amato's absence. He is the music leader for the Gathering, one of our sister congregations.

PLEASE REMAIN for a light reception prepared for everyone in the church lounge after worship. Guests and visitors are also invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

CARE TO JOIN THE GARDEN WATERING TEAM? Each week there will be an opportunity to water our plants and shrubs. Weeding will also be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheet on the lounge piano.

COME AND ENJOY A STIMULATING SEMINAR SERIES LED BY EACH OF THE PASTORS OF THE FIVE CONGREGATIONS WHO WORSHIP HERE. Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. here at church. The Theme is: "The Genesis of Justice: Stories which Shape our Ethics." Rev. Marcus Adams (Mount Olivet pastor) will be the leader on July 9. A light reception will be held after the session.

SUMMER VISIONARY. Spare copies are to be found on the lounge piano for friends and neighbors. Once again we are enormously indebted to Barbara Lewis as editor and designer.

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

"He is happiest who hath power to gather wisdom from a flower."

-Mary Howett, Poet-