

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015



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Sunday, June 21, 2015

9:00 a.m.

FATHER'S DAY

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 870 J. S. Bach

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Lord our God, in all generations You have been our home.

People: You have always been God, long before the birth of the mountains, even before You created the universe and our world.

Pastor: A thousand years mean nothing to You! They are merely a day gone by or a few hours in the night.

All: Teach us to use wisely all the time we have.

*HYMN 24 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

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

Eternal God, we honor You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are worthy to be praised by voices that are pure and by faces filled with light. As the sun rises to the fullness of each day, dark clouds of doubt and uncertainty can also hover above us, causing us to be nervous and fearful.

We confess our forgetfulness of the strength of Your love. We confess that our wills have been unruly and our affection unsettled. Turn us around and let us rediscover the power, the grace and guiding presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Lord, Have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (moment of silent reflection) Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19: 7-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: Intermezzo in E major, Op. 116, no. 6 J. Brahms

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Luke 15: 11-24

*HYMN 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

SERMON: "A SEVERE CASE OF HOME-SICKNESS" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 635 Faith of Our Fathers St. Catherine

MISSION UPDATE ON THE JOSEPH RICHEY HOUSE Kathleen Frome

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Aria, from "Goldberg Variations," 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

CALL TO PRAYER AND 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 613 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Webb

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

**May God the Father make us holy in His love;
May God the Son enrich us with His grace;
May the Holy Spirit strengthen us with joy;
May the Lord bless us and keep us in Eternal Life. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Arabesque No. 1, in E major C. Debussy

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS FATHER'S DAY

MAY THIS EXPERIENCE OF WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD be a real blessing to you, your family and your friends and neighbors. God loves each one of us more than we can ever begin to imagine.

PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception in the church lounge following worship. Guests and visitors are also invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary .

WE EXTEND A VERY SINCERE WELCOME TO CLINTON ADAMS who is our music leader today, during Patti Amato's absence. Clinton is the music director of The Gathering, one of our sister congregations using this church.

OUR GUEST THIS MORNING IS KATHLEEN FROME. Kathleen is on the board of the Joseph Richey House, one of the well-established Hospice Centers here in Baltimore, now under the direction of Gilchrist Hospice Care.

MISSION NEWS: At our recent board meeting, the following gifts were made on behalf of St. Andrew's:

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| Art with a Heart \$500 | SPCA \$250 |
| Maryland Bible Society \$1000 | BARC \$250 |
| CURE PSP \$250 | Community Law Center \$500 |

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

ROLAND PARK CHURCHES SUMMER PROGRAM. You are invited to keep the Thursdays in July free to attend our series entitled "The Genesis of Justice" to be led by our local pastors. The location will be here at church at 7:00 P.M. each Thursday.

OUR GUEST PREACHER FOR NEXT SUNDAY will be the Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole. George and his wife, Donna, have been part of St. Andrew's Church family for many years. Spread the word and give him a customary enthusiastic welcome.

SUMMER VISIONARY. All or most of our St. Andrew's Church family should have received a copy of our 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.

Thought for the Week Ahead
"The True source of cheerfulness is benevolence."