

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015**



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Sunday, March 22, 2015

9:00 a.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PRELUDE                      There is a Balm in Gilead                      Adolphus Hailstork

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Throughout the Season of Lent, God renews His gracious invitation to us.

**People: In penitence and faith we are asked once more to journey with Jesus,**

Pastor: To live out the implications of our commitment, to face and resist the temptations within us.

**People: To trust in the guidance and power of the Spirit. Let us come with confidence to worship Almighty God.**

\*HYMN 4                      Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!                      Nicaea

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we cannot worship You as we ought while our hearts are so shackled by our shortcomings. We look down and are ashamed of our lack of trust in You, our readiness to compromise with the best in every area of life.**

**Above all, we are ashamed of calling You Lord and Master with easy lip-service while we cling to our independence, and refuse to apply Your word in our lives. Free us today from the shackles of sin, and make us captives of Yours so that we come to know the real meaning of faithfulness. For Jesus Christ's sake we ask it. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

GOSPEL LESSON                      St. John 11: 1-27

SPECIAL MUSIC:                      O Sacred Head Surrounded                      J.S. Bach

GOSPEL LESSON                      St. John 11: 28-44

\*HYMN 335                      Creating God, Your Fingers Trace                      Tallis Canon

SERMON:        WHERE THERE IS ALWAYS A TOMORROW        Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 475        The Church of Christ in Every Age (verses 1,3,5)                      Warehem

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Light Dawns on a Weary World, Temple of Peace,  
arr. Nancy Raabe

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    HYMNAL 307                      Malotte

\*HYMN 275                      Christ is Made the Sure Foundation                      Westminster Abbey

THE BENEDICTION (Unison)

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

POSTLUDE                      Oh Freedom                      Adolphus Hailstork

## **WELCOME TO EVERYONE ON THIS FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**LET EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME** this morning at this worship experience. May it be a real blessing for all of this week.

**ALL GUESTS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS** are most welcome to join us for a light reception in the Church Lounge after worship. Come and meet “old” as well as new friends.

**MANY THANKS AGAIN** to those who participated in the “ART WITH A HEART” project last week. And special thanks to Barbara Pour for her planning.

**COPIES OF OUR WINTER VISIONARIES** are to be found on the Church Lounge piano. Please take some and share them around with friends and neighbors. Once again we are very much indebted to Barbara Lewis as editor.

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE** will be held next Sunday, March 29 at the usual time of 9:00 A.M.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** on April 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. here in the Sanctuary. It will be a very spiritual and enriching experience. All are invited.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** on April 3, 2015 at 12 noon here in the Sanctuary.

**EASTER DAY FLOWERS.** Order forms for Easter flowers and lilies are to be found on the lounge piano. Please make checks out to First Christian Church and place in the basket alongside. Thank you in advance.

**PASTORAL CARE** is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number: 410-893-9470.

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

**I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.**

**-Unknown-**