

Sunday, May 31, 2015

9:00 a.m.

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

PRELUDE: Melita Peter Pindar Stearns

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: And the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

\*HYMN 23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven Lauda Anima

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

**O God, most holy, loving and merciful, in the light of Your presence, we are filled with awe, and made aware of our frailty and faults. We confess that we have disobeyed You, and forgotten to think of You as our life's priority. Nor have we been faithful to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have furthermore neglected the guidance of Your Holy Spirit.**

**Pride has ruled our wills, and impurity stained our minds. Thoughtlessness in deed and word has hurt others. Humble and penitent, we ask for Your forgiveness....(moment of silent prayer)**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 86:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC: Nun Danket Peter Pindar Stearns

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 16:12-15

\* HYMN 85 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

SERMON: ON MANAGING A MYSTERY Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 485 Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race Tallis Canon

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: In the Shadow of the Almighty Christina Becker

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.**

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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 595 Be Thou My Vision Slane

THE BENEDICTION (in unison)

**Glory to God, our Creator, who gives us life. Glory to Jesus Christ who calls us to be His own. Glory be to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who empowers us. As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be evermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Lauda Anima Robert Hornby

**YOU HELP TO MAKE THIS A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**DO YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS A LOVED CHILD OF GOD?** Every day of life God encourages us with love, hope, peace, wisdom and guidance. Such are the great blessings of the faith.

**WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME BACK TODAY** our music leader, Ellen Adajian, during Patti Amato's absence.

**ALL FRIENDS AND VISITORS** are invited to sign the Guest Book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary and to spend a wee while with us during our reception after the service. Many thanks to those who have prepared it.

**AN ENJOYABLE WEEKEND IN ART!** Fritz Briggs, one of our head ushers, and the Schuler School of Fine Arts, invite everyone to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Student and Faculty Exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. Cards with more details are on the lounge piano.

**MISSION NEWS:** At our last Board meeting the following gifts were made on behalf of St. Andrew's: Helping Up Mission: 1000  
Women's Housing Coalition: 1000  
Joseph Ritchie Hospice: 500  
Summer Camp McKim Center: 1000  
The Community School: 500

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

Volunteers are invited to help weed and water the Church garden over the summer months. Sign up sheet on the piano.

Cookies and goodies are needed for a variety of Sundays over the summer months for our weekly receptions.

Care to add your name to the Sunday flower list? Please contact Jane and Laura Eldridge. (410-296-1284)

**FOR CHURCH FAMILY INTEREST:** The Rev. Dr. Easter Smart, younger daughter of Ernest and Rosemary, has been called to an historic church in Edinburgh – Currie Kirk. Easter and her husband, Darren and family will be moving to Edinburgh in June. For the past fifteen years Easter has been Chaplain to the University of Aberdeen.

**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, music plans, child care, ushering duties, collecting and counting, our mission committee, those who prepare the bulletins, and not least, our treasurer Mark Hughes.

**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**

I believe that true identity is found...in creative activity from within.

It is found, paradoxically, when one loses oneself.

– Anne Morrow Lindberg-

**ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

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