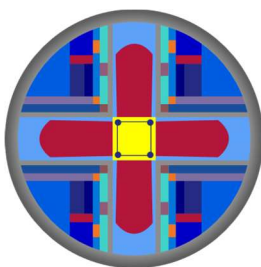


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by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

# **A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2023**

### **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting, please complete a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer cards are also available, and we invite you to list your concerns and place them in the offering plate as well. Our Minister and our Prayer Team will pray for your concerns.

\*Congregation stands as noted

#### **Chiming of the Hour and Introit**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our creator will hear us when we call.

People: **God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

People: **We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.**

Leader: Our faith strengthens us for each day's living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

People: **We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.**

#### **Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

### **We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God**

#### **Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"**

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

(front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Risen Lord, how often you come to us, and we do not recognize you. In friends and strangers, who seek and offer kindness, in words that make sense of our lives and in the world around us, in living, enduring promises that we have all but forgotten, you come, O God, but our hearts are slow to see and honor you. Forgive us we pray. Do not leave us, but stay with us, and awaken us to your presence. Kindle within us deep and genuine love for you and for the brothers and sisters you give us.

## **Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession**

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life**

**Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources**

**Offertory**

### **\*Doxology (#606)**

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**

(Children that have not yet finished 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

## **God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed**

**Special Music**

**"Let the Redeemed of the Lord"**  
Michael Barrett

**Chancel Choir**

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 116**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**"An Attitude of Gratitude"**

**Jeff Gilstrap**

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

### \*Responsive Hymn #655

“What Shall I Render”

### Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Time of Reflection, Meditation, Personal Prayer

Jennifer Massey

## Sending Out Into the World

### \*Sending Hymn #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Congregational Benediction #246 (v.1)

“Christ Is Alive!”

### \*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



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