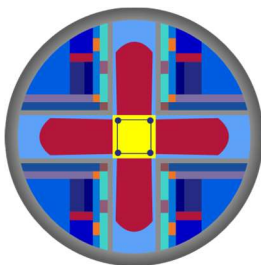


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**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

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

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 18, 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: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

People: **We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.**

Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

People: **We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.**

Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!

People: **The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.**

#### **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 #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

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

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

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)**

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

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

Leader: Forgiveness is yours to receive and to proclaim to all nations. The power of God is at work in Christ and offered to us. Let us give thanks that we are restored as sons and daughters of the Living God who promises to us the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe this good news.

**People: 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

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

**Special Music**

**"Cantabo Domino"**  
Alessandro Grandi

**Millie Shiflett**

I will sing to the Lord all my life. I pray to my God as long as I live.  
Let my speech be pleasant to him, I will delight in the Lord.

**Scripture Reading**

**Romans 5:1-8**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Jeff Gilstrap**

**"Grace Through Faith in Christ"**

## 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 #432

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

### 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

Ann Paschall

## Sending Out Into the World

### \*Sending Hymn #434

“Restore in Us, O God”

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Congregational Benediction #295 (v.3)

“Go to the World!”

### \*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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