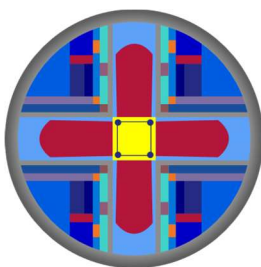


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**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

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

## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 16, 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.

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

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to this house of the Lord!

**People: Thank you. We are glad to be here this morning.**

Leader: This is a time to offer our praise to God.

**People: With joy we thank God for all the blessings that have been poured on us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who showers us with mercy.

**People: Give praise to God who offers us rest and peace. 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 #367**

**"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

### **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)**

**Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus' Name.**

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

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

Leader: God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you.

**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**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**  
Arr. Luke Woodard

**Millie Shiflett, Kenneth Jones**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 13:1-9**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Jeff Gilstrap**

**"Sowing Seeds"**

## **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 #171

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

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

Jeff Gilstrap

### Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #296

“Go In Grace and Make Disciples”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #539

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

\*Postlude

\* Congregation Standing

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Sandee Cribbs in celebration of the anniversary of John and Shelby Wood.



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