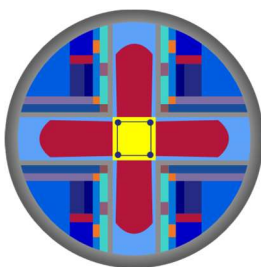


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**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

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

## **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 20, 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: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

**People: The Lord will provide for our needs.**

Leader: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

**People: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**

Leader: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

**People: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love. 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 #330**

**"Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord"**

### **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)**

Gracious Lord, we are filled with a mixture of feelings today. Some of us are rejoicing in the wonderful time of rest and relaxation; while others continue to seek relief from the burdens and worries that they bear. All of us stand in need of your refreshing and nourishing love and forgiveness. You know how many times we have turned our backs on those in need; we have been too busy, to preoccupied with our own problems. Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else. Give us strength and courage to truly be your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others. Forgive us when we stray from the paths of righteousness and peace. These things we offer 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: Rejoice! God's love is poured over you this day for healing, restoration, and hope. Feel the power of God's mercy in your life. Go into God's world knowing you are forgiven and blessed and be a blessing to others.

**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 1st Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

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

Special Music

"I Am Here"

Kenneth Jones

Words and Music by Jay Stocker

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-32

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation of God's Word

Jeff Gilstrap

"Holy Intrusions"

**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 #250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

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

Kenneth Jones

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #48

"Rain Down"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #549

"May the Love of the Lord"

\*Postlude

\* Congregation Standing

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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