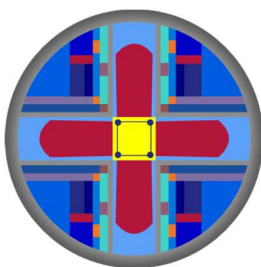


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**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

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

## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17, 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: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

**People: The Lord is our strength and our power!**

Leader: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

**People: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**People: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. Amen.**

#### **Invocation and the 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 #2**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

### **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)**

Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel". For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and hopelessness. Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits! Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray, when we fear, when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask 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: No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with us on the path, bringing us courage and hope. No matter what, we belong to the Lord, now and forever.

**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

"Christ the King"  
Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:4-5; John 14:15-17,26

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation of God's Word

Jeff Gilstrap

"Are You Ready to Go Sailing?"

**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 #292

“As the Wind Song”

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

Shirley Caligan

### **Sending Out Into the World**

\*Sending Hymn #684

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #313 (v.3)

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

\*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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