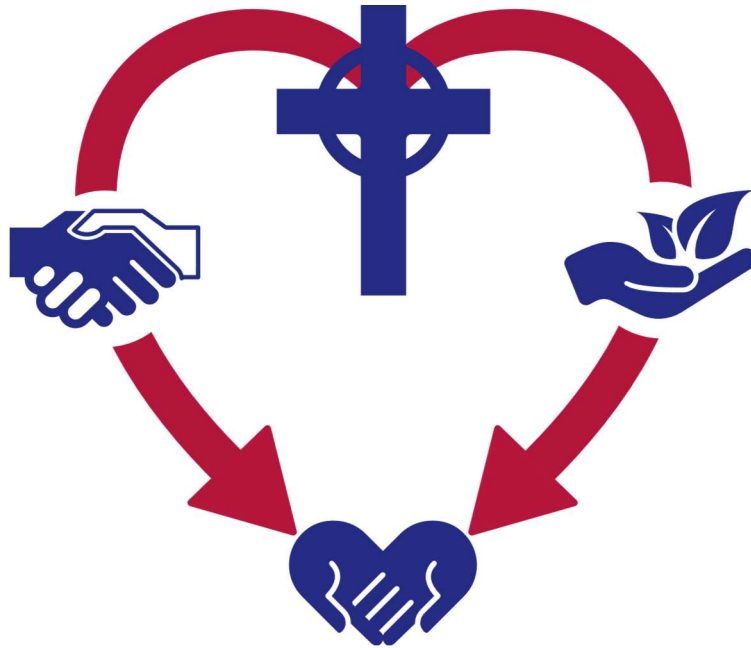
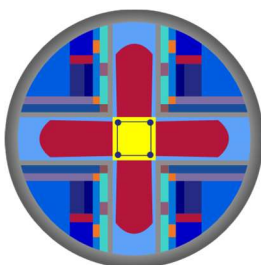


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by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**October 6, 2024**

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



**St. Andrews**  
**Presbyterian Church**

# **We Gather to Worship God**

**\*Congregation stands as noted**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit (Israeli)**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather from the west and the east,

**People: We gather from the south and the north,**

Leader: from every nation and tribe and people and language,

**People: at the mountain of God to stand before the throne and the Lamb. Amen.**

**Invocation**

**\*Opening Hymn #756 (Welsh)**

**“O God of Every Nation”**

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

**Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - “Confession”**  
(front cover of hymnal)

**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)**

God of truth. It is you who has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, it is you who brought us to the mountain of your presence. Yet, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we are quick to turn to false idols— Idols of wealth, power, and security. We would rather create gods in our own image than worship the one who has redeemed us. On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that we are part of a global body of Christ, yet we often act as though we are isolated, failing to care for our neighbors near and far. Forgive us for the divisions we create and the peace we neglect. Forgive us when we forget that you are God above all nations, calling us to unity and love across all boundaries. May your Spirit guide us into deeper communion with you and with one another, so that we may live as witnesses of your reconciling love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who invites us all to the table of grace, we pray. Amen.

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

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

Leader: Hear the good news, who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ was persecuted for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, and Christ prays for us. Beloved, you are a new creation, the old has passed away, the new has come. Believe the Good news and be at peace, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#581)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **\*Transition Hymn #659 (Congo)**

**"Know That God Is Good"**

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

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

(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

**Time for Young Disciples**

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

**Special Music**

**"There Is a Balm in Gilead"**

**Kenneth Jones**

**arr. Mark Hayes**

**Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Rev. AJ Ochart**

**"False Gods"**

## **Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn of Preparation for Communion #537**

**"When at This Table"**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion (see liturgy on laminated card in pew rack)**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

## **Sending Out Into the World**

**\*Sending Hymn #737 (French)**

**"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Congregational Benediction #745 (Caribbean)**

**"Now Go in Joy"**

**\*Postlude**

**Sanctuary Flowers: the flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Sue Oakes, in memory of her beloved Sam, on the second anniversary of his passing (10/07/22).**

**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.**



**Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor  
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music  
Millie Shiflett, Accompanist  
Rita Batman, Lay Leader**

