

May they be one,
as we are one

JOHN 17:11



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ascension of the Lord Sunday

May 17, 2015

10:45 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano Prelude

Adam Wright, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on the Lord's Day.

Please take a minute to sign the Friendship Book that you will find in your pew.

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall!

***CALL TO WORSHIP & GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

P: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

P: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

P: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

*L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, God's new world has begun. Let us worship the Lord!*¹

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Glory 268

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray. Through your Holy Spirit, open in us the gates of your kingdom.² *<moment of silent confession>*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory 581

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

¹ Written by Christine Sine, and posted on *Godspace*.

² From the *Ministry Matters* website.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LET THE CHILDREN COME

ANTHEM

Neither Death Nor Life

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:50-53

Pew Bible: N.T. p.91

MESSAGE

Rev. Rob Leischner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

I Love to Tell the Story

Glory 462

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OFFERTORY

I Will Come to You (You are Mine)

Michelle Cooke, soprano

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER**

Alleluia

Glory 589

Jack Leischner, drums

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Glory 269

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

L: As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

P: As people of faith we now return to the world.

L: Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you.

P: We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

L: As you go out to be a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.³

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Adam Wright, piano

**Those who are able may stand.*

³ Posted by Rev. Gord on his blog, *Worship Offerings*.

SHARING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*St. Andrew's Chancel Choir • Donna Maddux, liturgist
Zoltan Szentkiralyi & Jack Leischner, percussion*

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

TO OUR NEWCOMERS

We give thanks for your presence today and invite you to worship with us again! If you are feeling God's call to join this congregation, please contact Rev. Rob for more information.

SESSION

Elders, our monthly meeting will be held in the library directly after worship. SAPC, please continue to pray for our church leaders as they discern God's will for this congregation.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Rev. Rob in the library on Sunday morning as he continues his class, *Exploring the Gift of Worship*. 9:30am. All welcome!

ST. ANDREW'S VISION STATEMENT

In an ever-changing world, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church seeks to be a nurturing family of faith, welcoming all children of God with relevant and inspiring worship, prayer, music/song, fellowship, and education. We are committed to ministries that:

- **Encourage faithful discipleship and growth in faith**
- **Reflect God's love and compassion in service to others**
- **Extend hospitality of Christian inclusiveness**
- **Celebrate diversity**

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