

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



*Ascension
of the
Lord*

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

Diane Roetter

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillion

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff,

People: but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

Pastor: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

People: They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

***HYMN # 210**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" v. 1 – 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "amen" Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

STUMP THE PASTOR OR THE CHILDREN

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH *"Jesus Loves Me"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In-Unison)

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

"Glory be to the Father"

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:

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet each other with the sign of peace)

HYMN # 640

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" v. 1 – 2

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kevin Strang

May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Kevin Strang

Acts Reading: Acts 1: 1-2, 6-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:48-53

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"A Bridge"

Pastor Linda Graham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

MOTHERS DAY LITANY

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

Hymn # 788

"Now Thank We All Our God" v. 1 – 3

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***RESPONSE HYMN # 815**

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In-Unison)

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God’s service and to the glory of God’s name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN # 430

“There Shall be Showers of Blessings” v. 1 – 4

There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love.
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

Refrain: Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need.
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing -
Precious reviving again.
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing;
Send them upon us, O Lord.
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come and now honor Your Word. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing:
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call! [Refrain]

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew’s Legacy Carillion

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May Lectionary

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12	<u>*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</u>	<u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>1 John 5:9-13</u>	<u>John 17:6-19</u>
Day of Pentecost May 19	<u>*Acts 2:1-21</u> or <u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u>	<u>Romans 8:22-27</u> or <u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</u>
Trinity Sunday May 26	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u> <u>Psalm 29</u>		<u>Romans 8:12-17</u>	<u>John 3:1-17</u>
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31	<u>1 Samuel 2:1-10</u> <u>Psalm 113</u>		<u>Romans 12:9-16b</u>	<u>Luke 1:39-57</u>