

St Andrew Worship January 30, 2022

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Meeting Times
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth.

Let us be known by God!

Upon you I have leaned from my birth, it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

Let us be known by God!

My praise is continually of you!

We celebrate being known by our God!

Hymn 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all creation, we have wandered during the course of the past week. Living out of thoughtless habit, our speech has become like the sound of loud gongs, our harsh and angry ways like the clash of cymbals. We have forgotten the sound of peace and the practice of loving. We have forgotten the beauty of creation, which you have entrusted to us. Forgive us Lord, as once again we turn to you wanting to practice love, wanting to be your righteous people, wanting to live in the hope of your peace. Hear our prayers of personal shortcomings and create in us a clean heart. Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

We live, know, and trust that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Anthem /Special Music *Holy Holy Holy & This is My Father's World*

Played by Eileen Mihm, harp and Coty Catlin, violin

Prayers of the People *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us prayer, send us grace.

Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer for Illumination (*Responsive*)

Wondrous Spirit, gather our minds that they may be one with you. Open our ears that they may hear your Word. Soften our hearts that they may receive your wisdom. Speak to us for we, your servants, are listening. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

“Being Known”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Affirmation (Unison)

We are a community of faith. We share a vision of God:

*a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,
the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness,
the spirit which pervades everything.*

We tell the sacred stories again and again:

*Of God the Creator, the Almighty,
who made everything that is,
and saw that it was good.*

*Of Jesus of Nazareth, who in history lived among us,
healed the afflicted, taught, suffered and died.*

*In the mystery of the resurrection
he continues to live more profoundly through the ages,
the Incarnation of Love, the Christ,*

to whom his disciples have responded “My Lord and my God!”

*He shows us the Way which leads to the reconciliation, saying
“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.”*

It is the Way of love, compassion, justice, forgiveness and peace.

*Of the Spirit, the Breath, the Wind of God,
the Giver of Life, the Holy Wisdom,
who inspires the people of God*

*to cry out for justice for the powerless and oppressed,
to see the presence of God in every created thing,
and to respond with love. Amen.*

Offertory *Amazing Grace*

Played by Eileen Mihm, harp and Coty Catlin, mandolin

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Lord, you have blessed us with such love and goodness. We wonder at the beauty of your creation, we thank you for the sustenance of food and drink and we cherish the love of family and friends. Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world which you have made. Amen

Hymn 833 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

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Benediction