

St Andrew Worship

May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

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Meeting Times
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

Welcome and Announcement

Minute for Mission

Open Mic

Kathryn Adkins and Matt Walker

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Our God, loving, nurturing.

In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

***Trusting in God,
we continually offer our praise!***

*Hymn 324

"For All the Faithful Woman"

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;

For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.

We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

Prayer of Confession

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

Our hearts rejoice today, for we believe and know that God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God!

Response

"Glory Be To The Father"

Special Music

"Andantino" by Jean Brouquieres

Coty Catlin, Flute

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Hymn 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Prayer of Illumination

O God, you have left no age without your Word. As we now hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our minds that we may understand it, and our hearts that we may obey your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

First Lesson:

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Lesson:

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Sermon

"Comfort and Strength"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Affirmation (*Responsive*)

We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody,
a potter's delight.

***We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.***

We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

***We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.***

We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.

***We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.***

Offertory

“*Allegro*” by Jean Loeillet

Coty Catlin, Flute

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for those who love us and nurture us; for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. AMEN.

*Hymn 182

“*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*”

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

Benediction

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us.
May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us.
May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.