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Welcome and Announcement

Introit

"Maqam Nahawand Re" (The Stone Rose)(Origin Turkey)

by Coty Catlin & Mathew Walker

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

by Beth Merrill Neel

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Hymn 175

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

by Beth Merrill Neel

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

Friends. Sisters, brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God:

You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: Gloria Patri

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Session, I want to present to you: Anne Christian, Michele Pomroy, Mark Power joining for the first time and Allison Bridges (in absentia) joining by letter of transfer and Jane Parks McKay (in absentia) returning to membership.

WELCOME AND SCRIPTURE

You come to us as a member of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in baptism.

Here these words from Holy Scripture: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (*Eph. 4:4-6*).

OUESTIONS

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust him?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying Christ's Word and showing Christ's love.

I will, with God's help.

*APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will with God's help.

PRAYER

Anne, Michele, Mark, Allison and Jane by publicly professing your faith, you are expressing your intention to continue the covenant God made with you in your baptism. We welcome each of you as you join with us in the worship and mission of this church.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ here at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Anthem

"L'cha Dodi/Nigun Bialik" (origin Israel)

by Coty Catlin & Mathew Walker

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer of Illumination

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

First Lesson: Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

- ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
- ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

<u>Sermon</u> "How to Pray" Rev. Anne McAnelly

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Benediction