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**Meeting Time**  
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](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)

Welcome and Announcement

Opening Prayer (Unison)

*O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen*

\*Hymn 386

“Come, Worship God”

*Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God’s presence with thanks and a song!*

*You are the rock of your people’s salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

*Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;  
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.*

*Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.*

*We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;  
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.*

*Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;  
great is the one whom we worship this day!*

*Now let us listen, for you speak among us;  
open our hearts to receive what you say.*

*Peace be to all who remember your goodness,  
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us as your grace fills our hearts. Amen.*

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

(1 John 4:9-10)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Let us celebrate God's grace.

***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!***

Response: ***Gloria Patri***

Ordination and Installation of Coty Catlin as Deacon

Elder Gene Burk

Sentences of Scripture

There are different gifts,

***But it is the same Spirit who gives them.***

There are different ways of serving God,

***But it is the same Lord who is served.***

God works through different people in different ways,

***But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.***

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

***To use it for the common good.***

Together we are the body of Christ,

***And individually members of him.***

Though we have different gifts...

Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all!

***Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,  
and to give his life to set others free.***

Anthem

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*"

\*Hymn 174

"*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*"

***Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.***

***Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.***

***Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.***

***Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.***

***Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.***

***When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.***

***Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.***

***Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.***

***Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.***

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

***Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.***

First Lesson:

Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Sermon

“Humility”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

***We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.***

***In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.***

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

***Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.***

\*Hymn 314

*“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ Be Our Light)”*

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

***Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

***Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Benediction