

St. Andrew Worship

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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

Minute for Mission

Dee St. Clair

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

(Adapted from Proverbs 3:5-6) by Austin D. Hill

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

And lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways submit to him

And he will make your paths straight.

All: We submit ourselves to you as you have gathered us in worship, O God.

Please help us to develop our trust in you. Let your will be our will.

*Hymn 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

***The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!***

***The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.***

***Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.***

***Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.***

***Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.***

***There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.***

***You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.***

***We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!***

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

by Terry Falla

Lord, I have betrayed you by following my own way.

I have denied you by fearing to follow yours.

I have mocked you by not taking your death seriously.

Lord, I am lost. Let your forgiveness find me.

Hold me in your strong arms and give me your new life.

Live in me and with me day by day, that together we may make a world that is new.

Assurance of Pardon Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Trust and believe the good news,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayers of the People

“Come and Fill”

*Hymn 503

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

***Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;***

***Yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.***

***Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;***

***Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.***

***When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,***

***May we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.***

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

First Lesson:

Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Second Lesson:

Genesis 15:1-6

¹⁵ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Offertory*"Around You, O Lord Jesus" by Thomas Keesecker*

St. Andrew Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)***Holy God, you call us to be made holy, to be made in your image.******We trust in your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves,******opening our hearts and our wallets freely, giving to the work of your church in our world.******Bless these gifts and us to your service, Amen.***Communion

INVITATION

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (from John 6:35)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

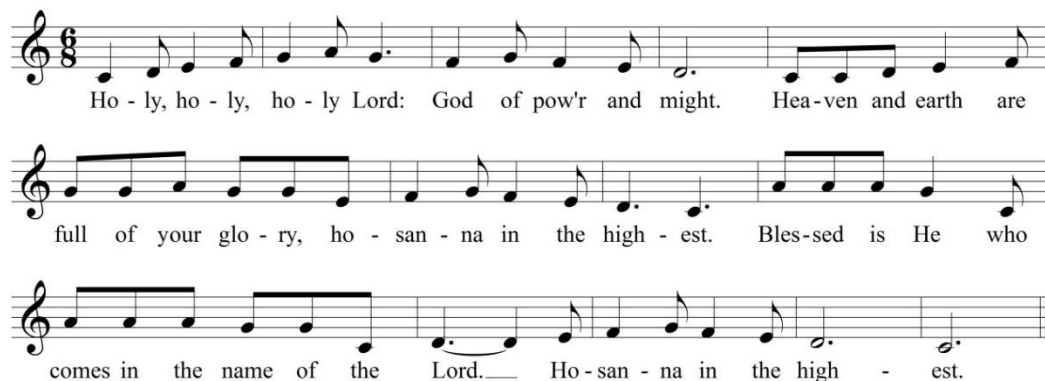
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe. At your command all things came to be. By your will, the vast expanse of space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home, were all created and have their being. You brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation, but we turned against you and betrayed your trust. Yet your mercy is like a spring that never fails. You yourself, in Christ your Son, come to deliver us: you redeem us in your love and pity; you create new heavens and a new earth where the cry of distress is heard no more. Therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Don Adkins



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Gracious God, we recall the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit now bring you these gifts. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Following Christ's example let us join in praying his prayer (The Lord's prayer)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

While elements are passed join in singing Eat This Bread from the pew song sheet (also 527)

CLOSING PRAYER

*Hymn 542

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Benediction