

St. Andrew Worship Program

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God you search me and know me.

I want to know you.

Lord you hear my prayers, my hopes and my dreams.

I long to hear you.

Heavenly Father you abide with me and attend to me.

I seek to abide and attend to you.

Enter into this sacred place Lord.

I will be still and know that you are my God.

LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*Hymn 794

“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,

I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.

If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,

in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.

If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,

let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell you all.

You never said “You ask too much” to any troubled soul.

I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?

But if the thing I most desire

is not your way for me,

may faith, when tested in the fire,

prove its integrity.

. . .

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
and claim me as your own.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we come to you knowing that for worship to be renewing, we must listen to your Word and participate in a corporate reply. But often we just sit hoping you will come, longing for your presence. Forgive us Lord. Enter into our presence and challenge us to listen, attend and respond.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

Renew us in the silence for we seek your forgiveness.

In silence, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri (Unison)

Special Music

"Blessed Assurance" arr. by Mark Hayes

Eileen Mihm, Piano

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, _____ Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place; _____ Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing, _____ send us love, send us power, send us grace. _____

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Refrain { *There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for
you to reveal yourself to us.*
*There is a longing in our hearts for love we
only find in you, our God.* }

*For justice, for freedom, for mercy:
hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*For healing, for wholeness, for new life:
hear our prayer. In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*Lord save us, take pity, Light in our
darkness. We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 105:1-6

¹O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. ²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, ⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Meditation Verses

"...we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God..." (Romans 8:28)

"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31)

"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually." (1 Chronicles 16:11)

"the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26)

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) by Lisa Frenz

Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.

In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us. Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Offertory

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Compassionate Father, thank you that you are our strength and our song, you fill our hearts with joy. May we give our offerings to you with gladness and joy. Everything we have belongs to you and we rejoice to give some of your abundant gifts back to you. Bless the tithes and offerings we give today. Let the majesty of the Father be the light that guides us, the compassion of the Son be the love that inspires us and the presence of the Spirit be the power that empowers us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn 465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction