

St. Andrew Worship

August 27, 2023

Sunday at 10:30 AM

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

Service Online

Join on Zoom:

Dial: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 831 688 4211

Password: 9850

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Live Streaming on YouTube:

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Welcome and Announcement

Introit *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* arr. by Larry Sue St. Andrew Bells Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather together
in the name of the One who bids us come.

*We gather together
to hear the words of the One who is Love.*

We gather together
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

Come, let us worship!

*Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people
pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its
bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, as-
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to
thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in
things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils
we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our
glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

There are far too many times, O Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' name, we pray.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. God's blessings are poured over you for this service.

Gloria Patri (Unison)

Special Music

"Day by Day" arr. by Larry Sue

St. Andrew Bells Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Online Viewers: You can text Pastor Anne your Prayer Request the night before and she will read it for you. If on Zoom you can unmute or raise your hand to signal you want to share a prayer request.

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

The musical score is written on three staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: 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.

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain { *In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!* }

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!*

Refrain

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!*

Refrain

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

Refrain

Prayer of Illumination (*Responsive*)

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.**

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

"Holy is the Lord" arr. by Larry Sue

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Doxology

Offering Prayer

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

*Hymn 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Benediction