

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday June 23, 2024

**Stand in Body or Spirit*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

O Lord, when the waters rage and foam,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

When the gift of creation becomes burden,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

When our fears threaten to overtake us,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

Speak your word to the wind and to the sea,

Fill us with faith.

Show us your care in the service of others,

Fill us with compassion.

Make the joy of your peace overflow in our lives,

Fill us with hope.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!*

*What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always. AMEN.

Response: *Gloria Patri* (*Unison*)

No. 581

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying



Prayers Lifted to God

(*Lord's Prayer p. 35 in Hymnal, using "debts/debtors"*)

*Hymn 653

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" (v. 1,2,5,6)

*Give thanks to God who hears our cries
and saves in troubled days with wondrous works
to humankind that call for highest praise.*

*Let all who know God's saving love
sing grateful songs always.*

*If you have ever lived inside the prison
of your gloom and cried to God, who broke
your bonds and raised you from your tomb,*

*Then praise the One who sets you free,
who makes dry places bloom.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³ Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. ²⁸ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; ²⁹ he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Second Lesson:

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

"Calming the Storm"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (*Responsive*) *The Apostles' Creed Interpreted*

What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

*That God is a God of love,
and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.*

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

*That having been raised from the dead
he reigns with compassion and justice
over all things in heaven and on earth,
especially over those who confess him by faith;
and that by loving and serving him above all else,
we give glory and honor to God.*

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

*That apart from the Holy Spirit,
our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served.
The Holy Spirit is the personal bond
by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself,
the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ,
and the comforter who leads us to repentance,
empowering us to live in Christ's service.*

What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?

*That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself.
In him we were chosen
before the foundation of the world.
By him the eternal covenant with Israel
was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled.
To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith,
and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God.
Through him we are raised from death to new life.
For him we shall live to all eternity.*

The Worship of God Through Giving

Offertory Music

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology (Unison)

No. 606

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.*

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn 815

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

*Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.*

*Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!