

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday July 7, 2024

**Stand in Body or Spirit*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

and we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!

We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

and we say: Surely God is in this place!

We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

and we cry: Surely God is in this place!

We come to see God in community both far and near,

and we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God. and we exclaim:

Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!

In our various places we look to see God with us—alive and at work. Our God is with you!

*Hymn 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain { ***This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*** }

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

Refrain

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.***

Refrain

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun.

You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be.

Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response: *Gloria Patri* (*Unison*)

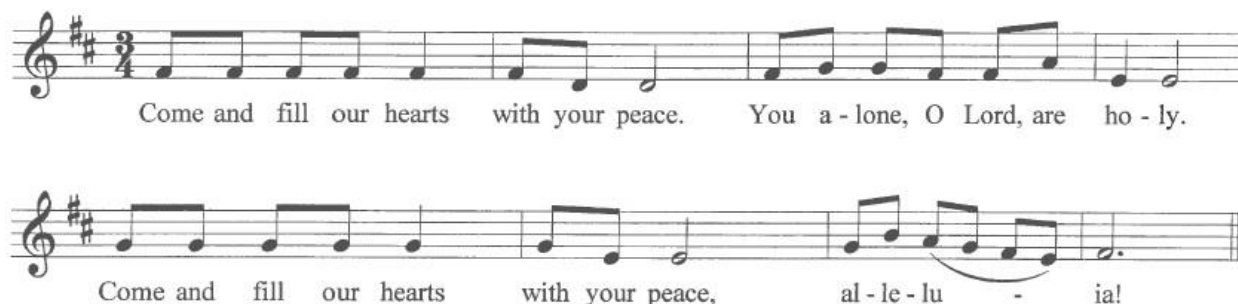
No. 581

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer

Come and Fill



Prayers Lifted to God

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

*Hymn 506

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!" (alt. tune Beach Spring)

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.

Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.

Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.

Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

***Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.***

Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;

Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

*Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.*

*Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it— truth and manna from above! —
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 85

(p. 543 OT)

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. *Selah* ³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

This is the word of the lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

(p. 192 NT)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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.

Communion (*Responsive*)

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.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*Benediction

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