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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ St. Andrew Day and Commissioning ✠

November 17, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PROCESSIONAL

MINUTE FOR MISSION: CASA

Kathryn Adkins

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

GOD WAS

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of the earth
for the purposes of heaven.

GOD IS

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

GOD WILL BE

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through
Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE. LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

GtG # 761

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep
commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never
faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills
together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God, you called us to follow, but often we stray. We follow instead the ways of this world and forget your claim on our lives. You ask us to lead in your name, but we lead for our own purpose, often unaware of who is following us. Help us to be imitators of you, O Lord. Make us faithful in our following and courageous in our leading. Forgive when we stumble. Hear our confessions, Lord.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (responsive)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Choir

COMMISSIONING Karla Kress to the El Salvador Delegation

CELTIC MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

KIRKING OF THE CLANS

REMEMBERING OUR FOREBEARERS

Prayer (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you this day for the goodly heritage given to us by forebears whose clan names we have mentioned. We thank you for all the families who have gone before us who have been faithful in your service and on whose shoulders we stand in witness to your continuing power, presence and purpose in our world today. May we be known as the Clan of Christ, whose bond knows no state or nation, race or class, but only the freedom of faith, hope and love that we have come to know in Him by whose name we go, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen (Alt. Tune Lauda Anima) GtG # 536

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;

May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia:
God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;

Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our
present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;

Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom
we live.

Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;

Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death. Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living
faith.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*responsive*)

Listen for the Word which God has spoken;

Speak, Lord, to our speaking,

Speak, Lord, to our listening,

Speak, Lord, to our souls deep understanding.

FIRST LESSON

John 12:20-26

NT page# 106

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for

eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

NT page# 50

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

SERMON

Andrew, A Confidential Disciple

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Offertory Music

Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Everything we possess, O God, has been provided lovingly by you. You have named us and hold us near to you as your precious children. Through your salvation, you created the compassion and love in us that enables us to share in gratitude a portion of our abundant blessings. Use these gifts, and use us, too, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

GtG #726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer
COUNTER: Kathryn Adkins

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 18	Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Tuesday, November 19	Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 21	Choir Rehearsal @ 2:00 pm
Sunday, November 24	Congregational Meeting following worship

Be sure to check out our weekly e-newsletter for upcoming events during this busy holiday season! Email the office if you are not currently subscribed.

- **Our Annual Congregational meeting takes place November 24th following worship.** Election of officers, fraud update, and a chance to ask questions!
- **Collections for gift cards for CASA children.** Make checks payable to St. Andrew and write CASA on the memo line.
- **Please join us after worship on Sunday, November 24 to stuff stockings** for the younger CASA children!
- **Christmas Luncheon, December 8,** after Worship in Hubler: Don your red and green, grab your Christmas sweater whether ugly or not, and come to Hubler Hall after worship for a St Andrew Christmas Luncheon. The main course will be provided, please bring a salad or dessert to share.