Sanctuary Fifth Sunday of Easter

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:35

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katy Manck, Worship Leader

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Shepherd Me, O God"

MARTY HAUGEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Let all creation praise God's name, for God commanded, and they were created. Young and old, rulers and people, praise the Lord! We gather to worship the God of all creation, whose love endures forever!

*HYMN – No. 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you call us to love one another as Christ loves us, yet we confess we often fail to show that love. We judge instead of listening, we divide instead of uniting, and we cling to our ways instead of following your path. Forgive us, renew us, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may live as your disciples, bearing your love to the world. Amen.

(A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. God's love transforms us to live as disciples. **Thanks be to God!**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

(Let us offer one another signs of peace and welcome.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Crane, Reader

Gracious God, by Your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to receive Your Word with joy. As the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, May your truth take root in our lives, transforming us by Your grace and leading us in the way of Christ. Silence in us any voice but Your own, so that hearing, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Living Word. **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm 23

The Lord bless the reading of this, God's word. **The Lord bless the hearing of this, God's word.**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

The Gospel of our Lord. Glory be to you, O Christ. Thanks be to God.

| HYMN – No. 803 | "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | RESIGNATION |
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| Gospel Lesson: Joh | n 10:1-10 | |

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

| SERMON | "Enter the Sheepfold" | Rev. Dr. Dolive |
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA))

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. *(continued)* Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, bless these gifts that they may proclaim your love and bring your healing to the world. Use us and all we offer to advance your kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

| *HYMN- | No. | 606 |
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"Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

| * HYMN – No. 547 | "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" | AR HYD Y NOS |
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

| *POSTLUDE | "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" | Ash Grove |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

A stated session meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 20, at 4 p.m.

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 p.m. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday to RSVP. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. <u>Next week's menu features spinach lasagna, sides, salad, & dessert.</u>

St. Andrew will prepare and serve breakfast at **Newgate Ministries** on Saturday, May 24. For more information or to volunteer, contact Steve Crane at 903-452-2925.

Calling all with a knack for tidying! **On Thursday, May 29, at 10:00 a.m.**, we will clean out St. Andrew's kitchen to prepare for our remodel. We'll also need volunteers to transport unneeded items to donation sites.

Time to look for books! To augment the bookshelves at local retirement centers and nursing homes, St. Andrew and Community United Methodist are collecting new and gently used books of interest to their residents. Look for dropboxes in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for this ongoing project. Contact Katy Manck at katyroo@gmail.com_or 903-918-1154.

Mo-Ranch women's conference is a God-filled weekend retreat June 6-8 in the Texas Hill Country along the Guadalupe River. It's a time to take a break from the busyness of life and recharge physically and spiritually. To sign up, call Mo-Ranch at 800-466-4401 ext. 246 or visit https://www.moranch.org/

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Session

Rev. Stuart Baskin, Moderator; Susan Elms, Clerk

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