

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024

10 AM

Sanctuary

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14:23

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“The Gift of Love”

AMERICAN FOLK TUNE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

**The psalmist encourages us to praise God
for all the marvelous things God has done.**

We join with all creation in praise,
for God’s love and faithfulness to us is endless.

We sing because God chooses us out of God’s great love.

We choose God’s love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

Let us worship Almighty God.

***HYMN – No. 275**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

***CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace
which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate
which Jesus promised to us, a gift we often do not use or see.**

**We confess we do not know you as we should. We often turn to our own
sinful habits and rote prayers to fulfill our Christian witness.**

We are only fooling ourselves. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear.

**Forgive us dear Lord, and we pray you will keep us steadfast in love
and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place.**

**Grant us your Spirit that we may embrace the truth in all things,
this we pray through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord of all creation.**

(A time for silent reflection and prayer in mercy and grace.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We declare to you also, in the same mercy of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives all of our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ALL PEOPLE**

***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.**

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Clement Dunn

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word
that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with
faithful and obedient lives, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 98

The Lord bless the reading of these words.
The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-31

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.
**Thanks be to you O Christ; Praise be to you, O Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – No. 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 13

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- A Brief Statement Of Faith – PCUSA

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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
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.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit 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.**

**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.

*HYMN – No. 581

“Glory be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

***CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD**

***PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

*HYMN – No. 609

“Doxology”

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GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 317

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May our welcome be worthy of the gracious God 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!

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 pm. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week is meatloaf, sides, salad, dessert, and drink.

Communion will be celebrated on May 19th at our Pentecost service, not next week, as we normally serve the sacrament.

Tomorrow is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The Ascension of the Lord will be recognized on Thursday.

Consider Retreats this Summer to deepen your connection to God and one another. Montreat, Mo Ranch, Gilmont, Ghost Ranch, and the Retreat Center in Richardson. Inquire in the office or with Pastor David if interested or curious.

The Discernment Process – Our 45-minute discussion on the book **Sailboat Church** continues through May 12. Call Pastor David with questions.

A discernment prayer group will meet at 9:30 on Sundays in the Sanctuary. The group will pray for the future direction of the church and other prayer needs. **The sanctuary is also open** Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and prayer guides are provided. The outdoor memorial chapel is available each day with note guides.

Your eclipse glasses can help others view safely! Please drop off eclipse glasses in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall by May 15. Katy Manck will mail them to Astronomers WithoutBorders.org, which will safety-test and distribute them to school groups, including those in South America where an annular eclipse will be visible this fall.

St. Andrew needs **volunteers to serve breakfast at Newgate Mission** on Saturday, May 25th. Call Steve Crane at 903-452-2925 for more information.

Grace Presbytery meeting will be held in **Denton on May 4th** at St. Andrew Church.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score with two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written between the staves. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 8/8.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

G Em F#m Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

to Stanza 4

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

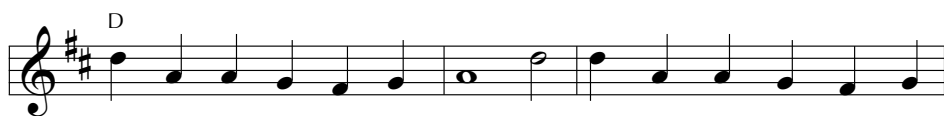
609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



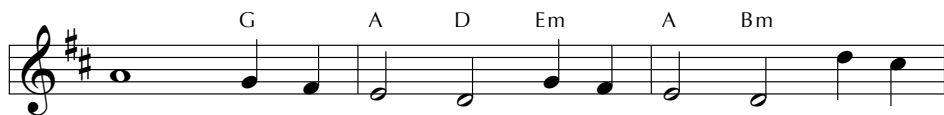
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



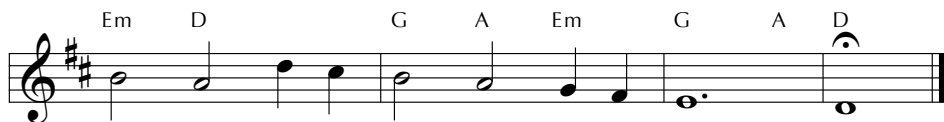
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.