

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP TO ALMIGHTY GOD
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church – Sanctuary
May 15, 2022 5RD Sunday of Easter 10 AM

“In God we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” - Acts 17:28

GATHERING MUSIC

A. J. Meals

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Camp Gilmont

Reverend Kenny Rigoulot

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(The Lector’s readings are excerpts from Isaiah 55 and the responsive readings are excerpts from Psalm 65.)

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you are the creator and through your word creation came into existence. You gave us the words of the prophets and other people of God so that we might remember your mighty and merciful deeds. In your perfect time your word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Jesus Christ, through you, creation came into existence and yet you entered your creation to live with us, to die for us, and to rise from the dead so that we might inherit eternal life. You are the way, the truth, and the life – no one comes to the father except through you.

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Holy Spirit, you are the wind that swept over the waters of creation, the breath that spoke the word at the beginning. You have inspired the prophets, apostles, and other people of God to write the scriptures and you inspired those that gathered these books into the Bible. You are able to make the scriptures come alive as you reveal God's love to us.

Holy Trinity, we give you thanks and praise for the gifts of creation, inspiration, and redemption. **Amen.**

***HYMN – No. 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Isaiah 55 invites us to “Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Let us confess our sins using the prayer printed in the bulletin, followed by our own silent confessions.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, you love us, but we have trouble loving you in return; you call us, but we are hard of hearing; you reveal yourself to us, but our eyelids are heavy; you lead us toward our neighbor, but we build walls around ourselves; you hate evil, injustice, and alienation, but we get used to them. Help us to see ourselves both as we are and as we might become. Draw us closer to you and our neighbors so we cannot help but hear your word, see you at work in the world, and do your will.

(A time for silence, reflection, and prayer.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another, accept forgiveness for ourselves and share in God's grace and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

(Please exchange, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as we listen to your Word read and proclaimed, write your love on our hearts; plant your hope in our minds; and paint your grace onto the canvas of our lives; so that we might be...heart, mind, and soul... your grace, hope, and love in the world, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 16-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC – “The Commission” by Cain

Solo by Brayden Rigoulot

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17: 16-31

SERMON

“Seeking Common Ground”

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – The Apostle’s Creed (page 35 *Glory to God* hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

All that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O Lord,
and of your own we give you.

*HYMN – No. 606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE 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.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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*At Saint Andrew we are called to worship, serve God,
reflect the love of Christ and grow in our discipleship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church PC(USA). Thank you for joining us in worship today! We are so glad you are here. We hope you feel welcome and find worship to be meaningful and relevant.

This morning we **welcome back to our pulpit** the Reverend Kenny Rigoulot. Kenny and his wife, Jennifer, are co-executive directors of Gilmont Camp and Conference Center.

We **welcome guest organist** A. J. Meals this morning. AJ is a music teacher at Gladewater ISD and also teaches private piano.

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 pm Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday so we have a meal for you and let us know if you would like it packaged to-go. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 7-12, and free for younger kids (childcare provided.) The menu for next week: fajitas with all the trimmings, dessert, drink.

Nominations are being sought for the **Pastor Nominating Committee**. If you have spoken to someone interested in serving in the search for our next installed pastor, please give their names to a member of the Nominating Committee: Kathy Loy, Robin Burns, Janet Martin, Susan Elms, Nell Ward, or Terre Dunn.

The **session meeting is cancelled** for this month.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 10:30am in the fellowship hall. Katie Seager will lead from lesson two from the "Welcome All" study. We will go to lunch together afterwards.

We are participating in the **Bee for Literacy!** The East Texas Literacy Council spelling bee funds ETLC learning programs. The event is Wednesday, June 8, 11:30 am. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We have a table reserved for eight but can get more tickets. Please join us to cheer and encourage our spellers Reverend David Judd and Kathy Loy.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the church Monday through Saturday from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. For further information, please call (800)979-4191.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.