

Worshiping God at
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2023



Gathering Around the Word



Welcome and Announcements

Greg Lee

Prelude

Seung-mee Oh

Opening Prayer

Lynne Abbey-Lee

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lynne

L: God's Spirit gathers us.

P: We are not alone.

L: God's Spirit calls us.

P: We are to discern together God's will.

L: God's Spirit sends us.

P: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.

Service parts in bold: Everyone speaks in unison.

Parts with an asterisk: * Please stand in body or in spirit.

Offering Our Praise



* Hymn #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(Refrain): All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain).

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: (Refrain).

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain).

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain).

* Passing of the Peace

Lynne

Let us share the peace of God with each other, as we greet one another in the name of Christ.

Receiving God's Grace



Call to Confession

Lynne

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
(1 John 1:8).

Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lynne

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you.

Please take time now for your own silent prayers. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Greg

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

* Gloria Patri

Special Music

Seung-mee

Offering our Gifts



Call for the Offering

Lynne

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

Offering/ Offertory

Seung-mee

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Greg

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lynne

Illumine us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 33:13-22

Lynne

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth — ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.²² May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:27-30

Lynne

²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* Hymn #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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.

Taking God's Word into the World



Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Greg

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Sung Benediction

All

May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.

Fellowship Time

Come! Join us in the Fellowship Room for refreshments, snacks, and conversation following the worship service.