

Worshiping God at
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday After Pentecost
June 11, 2023



Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teddie McConnell

Prelude

Seung-mee Oh

Opening Prayer

Pastor Teddie

We praise God, who is known to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We pray for God to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others. We pray for Jesus to be with us, as he promised to be, whenever we gather in his name. We pray for the Spirit to make our worship holy, joyful, and true. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lynne Abbey-Lee

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

P: Sing to God a new song!

L: For the word of the Lord is upright,

P: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

L: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

P: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord

Service parts in bold: Everyone speaks in unison.
Parts with an asterisk: * Please stand in body or in spirit.

Offering Our Praise



* Hymn #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace; it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

* *Passing of the Peace*

Pastor Teddie

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

God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lynne

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy.

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

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Pastor Teddie

L: When the woman touched Jesus' cloak, he told her, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(Arranged by Mack Wilberg)

Chancel Choir

Offering our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Pastor Teddie

God comes to us in grace; we respond in gratitude. Let us return to God a portion of what we have received.

Offering / Offertory

Seung-mee

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Pastor Teddie

Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for your work in the world until "thy kingdom come." Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith (unison)
(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

Pastor Teddie

We believe in Jesus Christ, the realization of true humanity.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

Expressing God's love in word and deed, he became a friend to sinners, and a refuge for those cast aside.

Many rejected him and demanded his death, but he gave himself freely, with mercy and love.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became the victor, conquering death for all people. In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Greg Lee

Musical Reflection

Seung-mee Oh

Hearing God's Word



Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lynne

God beyond all knowing, you are shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life." This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Bringing Matthew 25 into Focus - Part One"

Pastor Teddie

* Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

"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.

Taking God's Word into the World



Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Pastor Teddie

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.