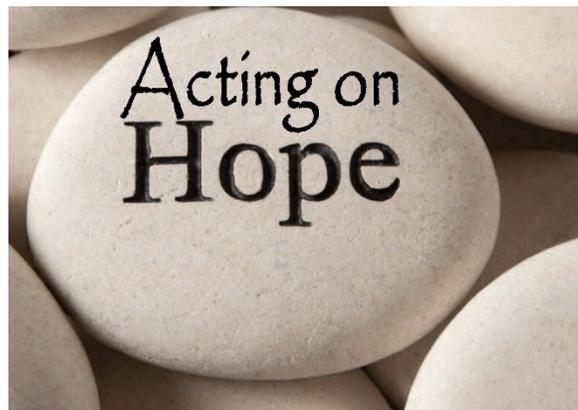


Worshiping God at
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022



Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teddie McConnell

Minute for Mission: MWANZO

Clarke Vestal

Prelude

Seung-mee Oh

Opening Prayer

Pastor Teddie

Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.
Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind.
Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (responsive) (based on Psalm 98)

Mary Fuhlendorf

L: We give thanks to you, God,

P: for you have done marvelous things.

L: Let the waters clap their hands.

P: Let the trees dance.

L: Let the birds sing for joy.

P: May we remember together,

L: today and every day,

P: that you have done marvelous things.

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

* Hymn #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, off-spring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

* 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.

Call to Confession

Mary

We are imperfect. God calls us to be bold, and we seek comfort. God calls us to love others, and we put ourselves first. God calls us to care deeply, and we choose to be numb. Let us be honest with God and each other as we speak our shortcomings plainly, knowing that our creator hears us and will not turn away.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Mary

Almighty God, we have fallen short. We have harbored hate. We have celebrated the pain of others. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right. Empower us that we may not grow weary. Teach us that we may know what is right. We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Teddie

Beloved, we do not have to be perfect. Christ's love and God's grace covers us. All God asks is that we love the Lord. This love changes us. It defines us. In Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven, and your slate is wiped clean. **Amen.**

* Gloria Patri

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Call for the Offering

Pastor Teddie

We have freely received God's marvelous grace through Jesus Christ. Let us respond with generosity.

Offering/ Offertory

Seung-mee

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Pastor Teddie

Holy God, we give you these gifts. May they work in the hearts of those who give and those who receive them. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from The Confession 1967)

Pastor Teddie

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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

Greg Lee

Musical Reflection

Seung-mee

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Mary

God, your Word is a gift. Thank you for blessing us with these stories of faith and failure and redemption. May we find truth in them. Holy Spirit, we know you are in this room with us today. Please help us to hear the message you have for us today that we may go out from here and help to bring about God's kingdom in our lives. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

Mary

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* Hymn #353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Charge and Benediction

Pastor Teddie

Julian of Norwich wrote, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." Remember this hope – through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit, God will make all things well. This is the foundation of faith. May we cling to this truth, allowing it to surprise us and inspire us along the way. Now, go and take it into the world. **Amen.**

Sung Benediction

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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.