

Worshiping God at  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
July 9, 2023



Gathering Around the Word

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Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teddie McConnell

Prelude

Seung-mee Oh

Opening Prayer

Pastor Teddie

God of all creation, who declared that all you had made was good, who crafted a world intended for harmony and wholeness, who made us physical and spiritual beings, we praise you for the wonder of your creation, we commit to the healing of all that is broken, we celebrate the promise of your new creation and its fulness to come. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Claudette Hamilton

L: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

**P: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.**

L: As we worship, we remember,

**P: that we are the family of faith together!**

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

## Offering Our Praise



### \* Hymn #463

#### *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be my supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### \* 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

Claudette

When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God's abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Claudette

**Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you.**

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

## Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Pastor Teddie

**L:** Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri

## Special Music

Seung-mee

## Offering our Gifts



## Call for the Offering

Pastor Teddie

In response to God's gracious action in our lives, we are called to give an offering to God. Our offering to God is our whole lives, including a part of what we have. Let us give an offering to God for God's purposes in our community and the world.

## Offering/ Offertory

Seung-mee

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Pastor Teddie

**Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to you. Amen.**

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

Musical Reflection

Seung-mee Oh

## Hearing God's Word

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Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Claudette

**Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Claudette

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Second Scripture Lesson

*John 12:1-8*

Pastor Teddie

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Message

"A New Thing"

Pastor Teddie

## The Gifts of God for the People of God



Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Teddie

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Teddie

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

## Breaking of the Bread / Communion of the People

Pastor Teddie

We give you thanks that The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Invitation: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Prayer After Communion (unison)

Pastor Teddie

**God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever.**

## \* Hymn #634

### *To God be the Glory*

To God be the glory: great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain): Praise the Lord; praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain).

## Taking God's Word into the World

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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.**

## Sending Forth of Teddie

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**Vickie Thomas, Elder:** Teddie, you have completed your active service with us as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. We praise God for the grace that has filled your ministry, and we give thanks for your faithful service to Christ's church, and we rejoice at the work of the Holy Spirit in you. And we thank God for David's gracious service as well.

We send you forth that you may find new opportunities to fulfill your calling to serve Jesus Christ and the church. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your lives just as you have blessed the lives of others through your ministry.

**All:** **We have entered to worship. Now we go forth to serve, being of good cheer, holding fast to that which is good, returning no one evil for evil, but loving all, rejoicing in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. 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.