

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



O sing to God a new song
SING TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH

+ PSALM 96



Worship Bulletin

Sunday, May 5th, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prelude

Simple Gifts

St. Andrew Handbell Choir
Merix Gustin, Flute

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist, Griffin Barrington

Leader: Come, sing a new song to God!
People: **Remember all the times full of wonder
God has already saved us!**

Leader: Prep the organ; tune up the instruments!
People: **Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!**

Leader: Open the windows!
Listen to the choirs outdoors,
feathered and furred!

People: **Let the hills sing together for joy!**

Leader: For God is not done doing wonders!
People: **God is coming to set everything right.
Sing a new song to God!**

**Hymn #645 - Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Anthem

Esto Les Digo
by Kinley Lange

St. Andrew Choir

(Translation: *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I will be also"*)

Prayer of Confession

It takes little faith to see the sacred in the extraordinary.

**To have faith the sacred is in the ordinary, though,
takes courage to believe the mundane can be enough;
that grace can emerge
even through the dull,**

(Prayer of Confession continues on next page)

**the slightly disappointing,
the not quite right,
not quite as we intended,
not really what we hoped;
the clumsy,
the awkward,
and the imperfect.**

It takes courage to believe that grace can emerge from the normal, the ordinary, the everyday things and people in front of us. God, forgive us for how often we overlook your grace, for how often we don't see the gospel in our midst. Open our eyes that we may see.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

(Please share signs of peace with each other)

Reflections on the Importance of Music in the Life of Faith

**Annie Hedgpeth
Michael Hedgpeth**

Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul

Annie and Michael Hedgpeth

A Word for God's Children

Mindy Heimer

Sung Prayer for Illumination (Hymn #291)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Scripture – Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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

Meditation

The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn #821 - *My Life Flows On

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

Offertory

Allemande from French Suite #4
by J.S. Bach

Barb Kok, piano

*Song of Dedication #630 – *Fairest Lord Jesus* (v. 4)

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

The Cross of Jesus
arr. O'Brien

St. Andrew Choir

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Words of Institution

In-person worshippers will come forward by the center aisle to one of two stations. Please take a piece of bread (all are gluten free) and an individual cup of juice. After partaking of the elements, please leave the empty cup on one of the tables on the side. The pastor will serve communion to those unable to come forward.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #530 - *One Bread, One Body

Benediction

Postlude

The Call to Worship is by Rebecca Gaudino, and the Prayer of Confession is by Cheryl Lawrie.

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **May 5** - Youth Lunch, Holy Yoga, Holocaust Remembrance Service at Har HaShem
- **May 8** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 9** - Serve Dinner to Unhoused Guests with Community Table
- **May 11** - Men's Pancake Breakfast
- **May 12** - Hybrid Worship - Youth/Graduation Sunday, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Holy Yoga, Cultural Caravan Concert
- **May 13** - Fellowship Book Group
- **May 14** - Plains and Peaks Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Collins
- **May 15** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 18** - LifeLine Health Screening for Heart Disease and Stroke
- **May 19** - Hybrid Worship - Pentecost, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Holy Yoga

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New Here?

As most people in Colorado are aware, aspen trees aren't individual trees but are connected underground by a complex root system. Given how many trees can be connected, these petite, beautiful trees can join together into mighty organisms. In fact, the largest organism in the world is a single Quaking Aspen in Utah. When we're at our best, the church functions in much the same way: we are connected, and we come together to be nourished, fed, and refreshed even though we live our lives in distinct places. We recognize that our life "above the soil" is only possible when we tend to our life "below the soil," and we realize that without the trunk and branches, the roots don't really serve much of a purpose. Our life of faith is most robust when we balance both dimensions: the interconnectedness that helps nourish our roots and the expression of faith that only comes through wide-reaching branches. That's the kind of worship and service we nurture.



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