ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Worship Bulletin Sunday, April 21st, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude in G minor
by J.S. Bach

Praise to the Lord the Almighty by H. Walcha

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Liturgist, Merix Gustin

Leader: The psalmist encourages us to praise God

for all the marvelous things God has done.

People: We join with all creation in praise,

for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

Leader: We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

People: We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond

compare.

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Your justice protects those who are weak,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems those who are poor,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds those who are oppressed,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

^{*}Hymn #761 – Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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)

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 – 1 Corinthians 3:9a

For we are God's servants, working together.

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

Sermon The Rev. Denise Pass

A Moment for Silent Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith (From the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,

(Affirmation of Faith continues on next page)

^{*}Hymn #769 - For Everyone Born (vv. 1, 3 & 5)

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead. vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

Offertory

My Song is Love Unknown by J. Leavitt

*Song of Dedication - #643 - Now Thank We All Our God (v. 3)
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The 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!

*Hymn #757 – Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Benediction

Postlude

God of Grace by P. Manz

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- April 21 Youth Lunch, Holy Yoga
- April 24 Prayer Group Lunch (No Zoom Service)
- April 26 Streetscape
- April 27 "Paths Toward Well-Being in a Social Media World" Presentation by Interfaith Network on Mental Illness
- April 28 Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Family Fun Night
- May 1 Noon Prayer Service
- May 2 Women's Craft Fellowship Group
- May 5 Hybrid Worship Music Sunday, Communion Sunday, Choir Rehearsal,
 Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Communion Served to Homebound, Holy
 Yoga, Holocaust Remembrance Service at Har HaShem

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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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