



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

arr. Rolin R. Mains

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Romans 14)

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

HYMN 642

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

HELULUYAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, you are holy, you are mighty, you are worthy of praise! Even though we have seen your glory and experienced your gracious love, we confess that often our hearts are fickle, and the awe and wonder of your saving grace becomes common and mundane. As we experience your unconditional love, forgive our unwillingness to share your love with others, even as you call us to repent and change our selfish heart. In your mercy forgive us and by your power transform us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession.)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE READING OF THE LAW

(Exodus 20)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 582, *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 16: 21-28

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ANTHEM

O Love
Virtual Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Romans 12: 9-21

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SERMON

The Crosses We Wear: Unconditional Love

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 302

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

O WALY WALY

APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION) (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 607, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

BENEDICTION

Prayer Concerns

Jacy Williamson
Glenn Tolle
Jackson Fite
Katie Raabe

Myrtle Muehlenbeck
Helen Harrison
Dr. John Bryant
Scott Hendrix

Suzanne Baroody
Carol Hill

Jane Stroud, sister of Lynn Carrico
Rodney McGrath, friend of Doug Waring
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousin of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Jim Beckham, brother of Bill Beckham
Julie Goldston, sister of Steve Goldston
Marcia Freeman, mother of Margo Bean
Nancy Morris, friend of Barbara Sims
Darryl Speigel, brother of Sandy Speigel
Meghan and Tristan, Caitlin Coyner's sister and nephew
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Claudia and Alex Hanania, cousins of Rafat Haddad
Katie Mullins, daughter of Susan and Robert Ramsay

Caroline Ovale, mother of Terah Hatter,
and Caroline's husband, Gilbert Ovale
Ann Barnett, sister of Jim Hobdy
Rachel Moore, mother of Sharon Lunsford
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Jacob McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
J. B. and Olga Fincher, friends of Barbara Sims
Mike Demers, brother-in-law of Chuck Stoughton
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle
Family of Dona Griffith
Family of Glyn Poole, grandfather of Aaron Jones

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

In Worship this Morning

We extend our thanks to Kirsten Trachsel for playing drums and Stephen Carey for playing piano this morning in worship.

RSVP for In-person Worship on September 20

St. Andrew is preparing for in person worship on Sunday, September 20. In order to plan for the appropriate amount of social distancing for in person worship, St. Andrew is asking that people planning to attend RSVP.

RSVPs are being collected via St. Andrew Connect. You can login to St. Andrew Connect and find the RSVP by navigating to the Events link on the left part of the page and then finding the "Worship Service RSVP" page and following the prompts to register.

Super Wednesday Taste and See Class from The Classic Cafe at Roanoke on September 16 on Zoom!

Menu: coq au vin (classical French chicken dish that is braised with wine and mushrooms), steamed white rice, green beans, and traditional Texas sheet cake. This blue plate special is available for \$14 and comes with recipes and reheating instructions. This is a complete meal from The Classic Cafe at Roanoke.

To order, email Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, September 15 at Noon. Pay the church either online or by mail. Pick up at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church at 4:00pm on Wednesday, September 16. Jump on Zoom at 6:30pm to hear more about this classical dish from Curtis Wells and eat dinner with your church friends at home.

Questions? Email Lisa Patterson

Treehouse Snacks Needed

For all the years of our existence, Treehouse has relied on many amazing volunteers to provide snacks for our students each afternoon. Due to Covid safety guidelines and consideration for our volunteers, we are temporarily suspending our snack volunteer program. However, our children still need snacks at the end of their school day! The Treehouse is asking for monetary donations to help purchase the prepackaged snacks we will be serving this year. Donations can be made in a couple of ways:

Send a check to the church office with "Treehouse snacks" in the memo line. Make a donation on Realm by selecting "Treehouse" under the "fund" heading. Thank you for continuing to support this important mission of St. Andrew. Questions? Contact Treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

Outreach Committee –Diaper Drive

This year the Outreach Committee Diaper Drive benefitting Interfaith Ministries will be conducted online. Every year St. Andrew has collected diapers of all sizes and given them to Interfaith Ministries. This year we are asking for monetary donations through St. Andrew Connect, via the mail or in person drop-off. If you have any questions please email Randy Whipple, rwhipple@racethewind.com. Thank you.

Diaconate Outreach

In a effort to continue to minister to St. Andrew during this time of separation and COVID-19, the deacons would like to extend helping hands. If you are in the high-risk category or immune suppressed and find yourself saying "I need someone to run to the store...pick up my medications...grab my kitty some kibble." Email the deacons at diacodate@standrewdenton.com. Indicate your needed item, pick up instructions, payment method, your address and phone number and we will help locate a volunteer to courier your item to you. This will be a no contact delivery. The volunteer will ring your doorbell and leave the item for you on your porch.

Want to participate? Email the deacon email your contact information if you are willing to participate in this ministry as a volunteer.

By the Numbers: As of 7/31/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$589,471.80
Expenses	\$593,115.35
Difference	-\$3,643.55

Attendance 9/6/20 319 Views

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Heleluyan, We Are Singing 642

Refrain



He - le - lu - yan, we are sing - ing.



He - le, he - le - lu - yan. He - le - lu - yan,



now and al - ways. He - le, he - le - lu - yan.



1 Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways:
2 Town and coun - try peo - ple sing to Je - sus:
3 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:



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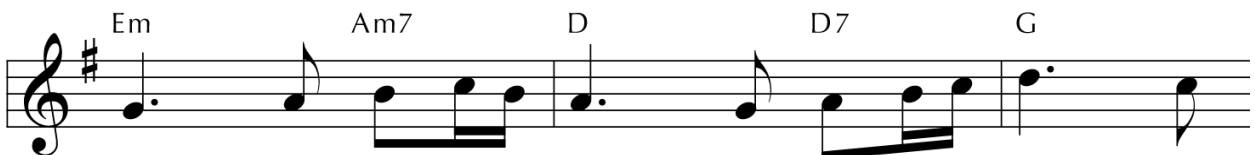
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This Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma.

When Hands Reach Out and 302 Fingers Trace



1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty
 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and
 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,
 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you



of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as



love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

Go with Us, Lord

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 16: 21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Romans 12: 9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.^[a] ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;^[b] do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;^[c] for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.