



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2020

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*In person worshippers: please remain seated throughout the service, wear masks, and sing or speak softly to yourself.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 96)

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the Lord's name;**

tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.

**Declare the Lord's glory among the nations, declare the Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

for great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**he is to be revered above all gods.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

#### HYMN 696

O God, You Are My God Alone

GRATUS

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced blessed are the poor in spirit.

**But we have been rich in pride.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Blessed are the meek,

**but we are a stiff-necked people.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**but we are filled to the full with other things.**

Blessed are the merciful,

**but we are harsh and impatient.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

**but we have impure hearts.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**but we have not sought reconciliation.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

**but our lives do not challenge the world.**

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me,

**but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

**We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness. 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

CJ Prater

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8: 8-15

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

Preghiera (Prayer)

Francesco Paolo Tosti

Christopher Curcuruto, bass-baritone and Stephen Carey, piano

To the mind disturbed by doubt and pain Save them, oh Lord, with the light of faith. Lift from them the weight so heavy it drives them into the earth: Hear, o Lord, my sighs and cries, I commend them to your care. You know that my life is slowly being consumed, like the candle wax by the flame, like the snow by the sunshine. To my soul, which longs to take refuge in your arms, Ah! Break, Lord, the tether that prevents it from flying to you. Lord, have mercy! (Giuseppe Giusti)

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 35: 20-29

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Innovative and Indebted*

Richard B. Culp

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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!" Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship Campaign

Greg Anderson

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 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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## WELCOME!

**W**e 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.

### Register Online for Your Place for In-person Worship

In order to plan for the appropriate amount of social distancing for in-person worship services, St. Andrew is asking that people planning to attend register their place for in-person worship.

Registrations are being collected via St. Andrew Connect. You can login to St. Andrew Connect and find the registration 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. **Please note that there are three different screens to the registration process. Registration is not complete until you hit the blue "Register" button on the third page.**

A brief online tutorial is available via September 1's COVID-19 update (beginning at the 4:15 mark). Questions? Please contact the church office.

### **Congregational Meeting**

*October 18, 2020*

The Session has called a congregational meeting for 10/18/20, immediately following the 10:45am worship service for the purpose of acting on a report from the Officer Nominating Committee. Those not in attendance physically will be able to Zoom into the congregational meeting. More details about who is being nominated and the Zoom part of the meeting will be forthcoming.

### **Super Wednesday Taste and See**

**Steve's Wine Bar Wine Tasting with St Andrew**

*Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30pm*

Join St. Andrew for Super Wednesday wine tasting with Steve from Steve's Wine Bar. Five two-ounce wine pours will be packaged for the event along with a small nibble to enjoy with the wine. Information and description of each wine will be sent next week before the Zoom event.

Order your tasting for \$20 per person by Tuesday, October 20 at midnight at <https://www.steveswinebar.com/product/St-Andrews-Tasting>, or the next time you are in the bar, ask your server to place your order for you at that time.

Pickup after 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 21.

### **All Saints' Day Taize Service**

*Sunday, November 1, 7:00pm*

The Denton Taize Community planning team invites you to a Fall Taize worship, to be held on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, at 7:00pm! We look forward to you joining us! Follow us on our Facebook page or visit our webpage [www.dentontaize.org](http://www.dentontaize.org) to find the link to the service and some tips for preparing for Taize worship in your home. As this service is on All Saints' Day, one way is to begin remembering and reflecting on those in your life who have guided you on your walk of faith. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be remembered, please email [rvanhoose@fccdenton.org](mailto:rvanhoose@fccdenton.org).

### **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 [diaconate@standrewdenton.com](mailto:diaconate@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.

### **Give-a-Meal - \$2.29**

St. Andrew donated \$1,485 to the Give-a-Meal program in September! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit [standrewdenton.com/give](http://standrewdenton.com/give) and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

The Denton Community Food Center (DCFC) is open two days a week from 1pm-3pm. Families are only able to pick up food once a month. DCFC is asking for online donations so it can purchase essentials and limit how many people handle food items. Thank you so much for supporting this program since the number of people who are needing this service is only growing due to the economic fallout during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Prayer Concerns

Sara Armstrong  
Betty Sue Grandey  
Judy Cherry  
Pat Hiler

Berniece Condry  
Myrtle Muehlenbeck  
Helen Harrison  
Scott Hendrix

Suzanne Baroody  
Carol Hill

Friend of Chris Curcuruto  
Sa-hwan and Stephanie Kim, friends of Stephen Carey  
Drennan Fuller and Family, friend of Caitlyn Coyner  
Steven Purser, brother of John Purser  
Terrell King, father of James King  
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett  
Jane and Ron Fletcher, friends of Sunny Hueholt  
Jason and Anne Moody, friends of Sunny Hueholt  
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir  
Sally Kyser, friend of Belle and Ray Speir  
Alice Condry, mother of Berniece Condry  
Jane Stroud, sister of Lynn Carrico  
Rodney McGrath, friend of Doug Waring  
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousins of Barbara Sims  
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims

Julie Goldston, sister of Steve Goldston  
Darryl Spiegel, brother of Sandy Spiegel  
Meghan and Tristan, Caitlin Coyner's sister and nephew  
Claudia and Alex Hanania, cousins of Rafat Haddad  
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  
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle  
John Mallouf, friend of the Konkle family  
Family of Jeff Curnow  
Family of Elizabeth Quinn, mother of Pat Reinke

### *By the Numbers: As of 9/30/20*

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	<b>\$668,436.53</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$658,365.59</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$10,070.94</b>

**Attendance 10/11/20** **337 Views**

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# 696 O God, You Are My God Alone

(Psalm 63)

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea-ger-ly I seek,  
 2 Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e-vok-ing all my praise.  
 3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;

(D) (F#m) (G) (A) (Em) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod-y weak.  
 Through ev-ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.  
 in dark-est hours I med-i-tate how God, my strength, is kind.

(G) (D) (Em) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup>

Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-ening shower,  
 My deep-est needs you sat-is-fy as with a sump-tuous feast.  
 Be-neath the shad-ow of your wing, I live and feel se-cure;

(D) (Em) (D) (G) (A7) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

I long with-in your house to see your glo-ry and your power.  
 So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev-er ceased.  
 and dai-ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Given its wide range of references, scholars have proposed many occasions and uses for Psalm 63. Because of the imagery that opens stanza three in this paraphrase, for example, the great Reformed theologian and scholar Theodore Beza regularly recited this psalm at night.

# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

## Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.  
 Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.  
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
 Haz - me co - mo tú, tu yo quie - ro ser.  
 주 님 의 모 습 닻 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.  
 Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.  
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
 Só - lo a tu i - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.  
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant feature of the spiritual life.



## Scripture Lessons

### 2 Corinthians 8: 8-15

<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— <sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

### Exodus 35: 20-29

<sup>20</sup> Then all the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the LORD’s offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. <sup>22</sup> So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats’ hair or tanned rams’ skins or fine leather,<sup>[a]</sup> brought them. <sup>24</sup> Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD’s offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. <sup>25</sup> All the skillful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; <sup>26</sup> all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats’ hair. <sup>27</sup> And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, <sup>28</sup> and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.