

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Lisa Patterson

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn 248 Christ Is Risen Hymn to Joy

Prayer of Confession

As you call us to the light of Easter, O God, we confess that we have grown used to the darkness and have even learned how to turn it to our advantage. Forgive us, we pray, our lack of faith and our refusal to accept the mystery and wonder of the resurrection. Help us to receive this gift of the resurrected Christ that we might serve you gladly all our days, and in the end be gathered with all the faithful ones in your kingdom of glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who, though crucified, dead, and buried, lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen (time of silent confession).

Call to Faithfulness (2 Corinthians 5: 14-15)

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn 240, (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination C.J. Prater

First Scripture Lesson John 10: 11-18 See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Aurélie and Rachel Nyetam with Stephen Carey, piano

arr. David Crowder

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4: 5-12

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Journey from the Empty Tomb into the World: Taking Jesus with Us

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

CANONBURY

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

Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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BENEDICTION

Postlude

Welcome!

Te 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.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

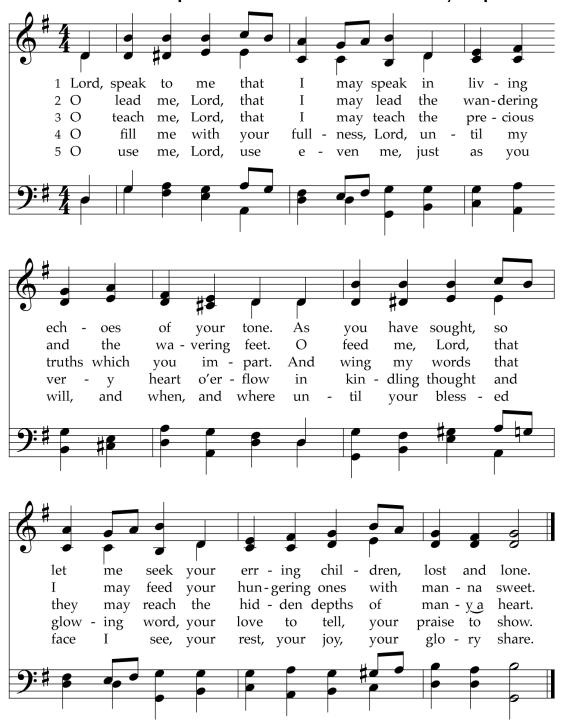
Doxology



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg OLD HUNDREDTH

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722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

Scripture Lessons

John 10: 11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Prayer Concerns

John Purser Charlene Greer C.J. Prater Gini Samuelson Sue Rose Kim Warner Catherine Mitchell Twila Kimbrough Harriet Laney Steve Shirley Helen Harrison Scott Hendrix Suzanne Baroody

Jim Engelbrecht, husband of Jo Ann Engelbrecht
Scott Stoughton, son of Chuck and Judy Stoughton
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
Steve Hill, son of Doug and Carol Hill
Madelon Clark, daughter of Joy Wright
Molly Hook, daughter of Marcia Merritt
James Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Mary Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Graham Coleman, family member of Lisa Haddad
Gavin Griffin, nephew of Pat Reinke
Alberto Canas, friend of Alison and Kevin McStravick
Sandy and Woody Franks, friends of Stephen Carey
Ray Hundley, brother of Barbara Sims
Howard Shaw, friend of Susan Conn
Danelle Smith, daughter-in-law of Chuck Smith

Rosie McIntyre, daughter-in-law of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Sandi Parker, friend of the Campbells
Don Samuelson, husband of Gini Samuelson
Barbara Smith, sister of Linda Heilig
Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia
Drennan Fuller and Family, friends of Caitlyn Coyner
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Alice Condry, mother of Berniece Condry
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousins of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, UNT faculty emeritus
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle

Super Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, April 21

Menu

Menu by The Classic Cafe in Roanoke Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, green beans, and mashed potatoes Or Chicken pot pie and green beans

Dessert Blueberry buttermilk pie

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, April 18 at midnight Cost: \$14.

Pickup: Wednesday, April 21 at 4:00pm in the St. Andrew Parking Lot

Super Wednesday Classes

Children

Puppet Ministry and Children's Time 6:00pm Adults

The Wave (College Group) 6:30pm

Youth Youth Group 7:30pm Wendy McGee, Executive Director of The Junction, formerly Our Daily Bread and Monsignor King Outreach Center 6:30pm

Save the Dates for Super Wednesday!

Wednesday, April 21

Wendy McGee, Executive Director of The Junction, formerly Our Daily Bread and Monsignor King Outreach Center

Wendy will share the vision of this organization, which has grown in 21 years and has served over 1,000,000 meals. The Junction offers many important services to its guests, and with its recent merger with Monsignor King Outreach Center, The Junction's added shelter care to those services. Wendy will provide insight on the partnership between ODB and MKOC and will share future plans to relocate to a much larger facility that will house all services in 2022.

Wednesday, April 28 Harrison Edell, Senior Director of Living Collections at Dallas Zoo

Join us on Zoom as Harrison Edell, one of our popular Super Wednesday speakers at St. Andrew, shares more insight and takes us on a photo journey of one of the fascinating creatures of the animal world. Harrison will engage our imaginations and inform us about just some of the animals he helps care for in his work at the Dallas Zoo.

Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, May 15

9:00am-3:00pm, Rec Center Register online at redcross.org.

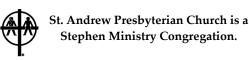
Discovering Scotland with St. Andrew October 19-27, 2021

Scotland Trip Sign-Up is Open! The St. Andrew group is scheduled to travel this fall to visit Edinburgh, the Isle of Iona, St. John's Kirk of Perth, St. Andrews, the Culloden Battlefield, Stirling Castle, the Great Glen and Loch Ness, and more. The trip is currently at 31 travelers, and we are opening it up for new travelers. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com for a brochure and more information.

By the Numbers: As of 3/31/21

Income (pledges + other income)\$181,258Expenses\$204,328Difference-\$23,070

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give



The Children's Place Registration

Fall 2021 registration for The Children's Place, the preschool mission of St. Andrew, is now open! The play-based enrichment program is open to children aged 1 to 5 years, including Kindergarten. Please visit our website for a registration packet at the children splaced enton.com. Email the children splaced enton@gmail.com with questions!

Keep your Spirals Out! *April 4-May 23, 2021*

The Great Fifty Days of Easter celebrates the resurrection through stories about postresurrection appearances, the empty tomb, and the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This season is festive, and is focused on the joy of resurrection.

St. Andrew is continuing the journey begun in the wilderness of Lent and moving into the joy of the journey from the tomb into the world. The Lenten Spirals will become the Great Fifty Day Spirals! We want to joyously go out into the world from the empty tomb discovering and celebrating how God leads the covenant people. Place a stone on the sandy path each day to mark the progress of the journey. Sunday tokens will be provided for each week following Easter through Pentecost.

18" Gardening Containers Free!

Need some containers for gardening? The church has over 250 to share. A vendor sent us the wrong container and instead of returning them, we were directed to share them at no cost. If you need a container or two or 25-50, let us know. We would like to give these away for spring planting. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$233 to the Give-a-Meal program in March! 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.

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