

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Rejoice the Lord is King!" (Darwall) Linda Webster

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission: Pentecost Sunday John Jordan

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103:1-5)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the Lord,

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

People: Who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

Leader: Who satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #716
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, we confess that our love is short-sighted. We love our families and friends, we love those close around us, we show partiality to those in positions of power over us, and we sometimes ignore those who seem irrelevant. We can be selfish without love, loving those who will love us, who will help us. Forgive us, loving Jesus, for not loving the way you did, by laying down your life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Forgive us, loving Jesus, for being short-sighted, and not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Call us back into the ways of your love, away from the ways of the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the Love of God, we pray. Amen. (We confess our sins in silence...)

Hymn "Lord, Prepare Me" #701

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you. (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "We're a Fellowship of Believers" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading James 1:27 Elder Hydrick

Youth Message Samantha Simmons

Scripture Reading Psalm 113 Rev. Goldman

Message "Welcome to This Place" Rev. Goldman

*Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #700

*Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"A New Creed" (1968) The Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "In the Garden" (Miles) Linda Webster
*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication (see insert or screen)

*Hymn "Will you Come and Follow Me" #726

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude "Because He Lives" (Gaither) Linda Webster

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold italic type indicates our shared response.
All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Holy One, your psalmist begged that you “Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help” (v. 11). Through Jesus you have taught us how to respond to a cry for help. And through your instructions we have been honored to serve you by serving others.

People: *With one voice we come to you asking for your blessing upon these ministries of hospitality. Each mission responds to voices crying out to you for help. Lord, hear our prayer for . . .*

Prayer of Dedication Continued

Leader: The Dwelling Place and its provision of hope to victims of domestic abuse through its support services and the sanctuary of a safe home.

People: *The psalmist writes, “For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them” (v. 24). Lord, hear our prayer for...*

Leader: Cottage Village and the Cottage Village Coalition whose ministry is to provide quality affordable housing for individuals and families with low incomes. Lord, bless these tiny homes and those who lodge there; shed your mercy and your grace upon them.

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People: *God of mercy, through the blessing and sending of Jesus into this world, we have come to know what it is to serve you with our whole hearts. Accept these offerings with the love that accompanies them and the spirit of service that walks through the door with them. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.*

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Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!