

ORDER OF WORSHIP
STEWARDSHIP SEASON
October 18, 2015

** Indicates a time to stand, if able*

PRELUDE *Dr. Christopher Davis*

GREETING *Dr. Brett Becker*

ONE: Friends, come worship the Lord with me!

MANY: And let us exalt God's name together!

*** PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

*** SONG OF GATHERING** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

vs. 1 Hymnal, #150

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* *Elder Linda Sorensen*

ONE: Beloved, let us love one another.

MANY: For love is of God.

ONE: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**MANY: Those who do not love have not known God,
for God is love.**

ONE: On this day of worship, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

ALL: And let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hymnal, #473

GOD LOVES

YOU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Loving God, in all of our service to others, we sometimes forget that we too are your beloved creation. You desire to serve us! Yet we often don't treat ourselves with the respect that we so freely offer to others. We forgive others, but we fail to forgive ourselves! We love others, but we may not love ourselves. We give others second chances, but we are mercilessly hard on ourselves. Forgive us, O God! When we fail to honor ourselves, we dishonor you. When we neglect to cut ourselves some slack, we forget your abundant mercy and grace. When we beat ourselves up, we practice violence against part of your beautiful creation! Lord, help us to practice respect toward ourselves, as we would to any other human being. Assist us in regarding our body, mind, and emotions as valuable commodities in your sight. Enable us to care for them the way that you care for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION "Search Me, O God"
on screens

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation.

MANY: The old has gone, the new has come!

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ONE: Glory be to the God who has saved us!

**ALL: Hallelujah to the God who has made us whole!
Amen.**

* **SONG OF DEDICATION** "Living for Jesus"

Sing the Faith, #2149

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS Proverbs 1:7

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" St. Andrew's Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Caroline Willisie*

SENDING SONG "Jesus Loves Me" *on screens*

THE GOSPEL READING John 3:1-10

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD *Dr. Brett Becker*

ODD MAN OUT: JOHN'S GOSPEL

"Twice Born?"

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Now Thank We All Our God"
Hymnal, #555

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

This is an intentional time of expressing our gratitude to God. Whether you have an offering this Sunday or not, take the plate, feel its touch in your hands, give thanks to God and bless all that is given this day.

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymnal, #591

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING**

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Hymnal, #422

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God Be With You"

* **POSTLUDE**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ann & Lee Thompson
Liturgist: Linda Sorensen
Children's Sermon: Caroline Willisie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS Please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for information about St. Andrew's mission and programs. *Please fill out the blue Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as it comes by today.*

PYF TONIGHT 6-8PM at the church. Prayer Partners Trivia Night at the church. Dinner provided. PYF Sunday, October 25 at the church, Pumpkin Carving.

ADULT ED. CLASS TODAY - Class #3 of "First Light," a 12 session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Syllabus cost is \$10. Classes will continue October 25, November 1, 15, 22, 29, December 6 and January 3, 10.

ALZHEIMER'S WALK Saturday, November 7, 10a.m. at Earl Warren Showgrounds. Walk with Team St. Andrew' to support Fred Walters and in memory of Lucile Beasley (Suzan Zink's mother). Sign up with Linda Sorensen during coffee fellowship time.

STEWARDSHIP "SAIL" 2015 Continues - Sunday, October 18, 9:30AM Worship, "Responsibility to Self;" Sunday, October 25, 9:30AM Worship, "Responsibility to the World;" Sunday, November 1, 9:30AM, "Responsibility to the Church," Stewardship Commitment Sunday, All Saints Day, Communion, new members join. **EXTRA:** Sunday, November 8, 9:30AM Worship & 11:00 Adult Ed - Planned Giving *Live Forward -- Give Forward*, with Rev. Steve Wirth from the Presbyterian Foundation.

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