



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016



**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING *responsive*

Dr. Brett Becker

PASTOR: Come, worship the Lord with me!

PEOPLE: **And let us exalt God's name together!**

* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

MANY: **And also with you!**

* SONG OF GATHERING "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

Renew! #111

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

Rev. Judith Muller

ONE: In the midst of this spring season, we pour out our gratitude for all of God's gifts.

MANY: **Bread to nourish our bodies.**

ONE: Beauty to brighten our minds.

MANY: **Hope to enlarge our vision.**

ONE: Love to warm our homes.

MANY: **Purpose to order our days.**

ONE: Laughter to moisten our wounds.

MANY: **Passion to drive our maybe's.**

ONE: Community to face our fears.

ALL: **And for this morning of worship and fellowship: that in it God might visit new meaning upon our lives. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Hymnal, #430

CONFESSION OF SIN *unison*

Merciful One, yours is the bread that nourishes. Yours is the wine that makes the heart glad. Yet often we look elsewhere. We confess our persistent attempts to satisfy our hungers at others' expense. We confess our stubborn refusal to accept your gifts freely. We confess our tendency to hoard what we have as others go hungry. Forgive us. Help us to return to the table and eat what is good, that we may live.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

SONG OF HOPE "Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks"

Hymnal, #106

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: If anyone is in Christ

MANY: **He or she is a new creation.**

ONE: The old things have passed away.

MANY: Behold, all things have become new!

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

MANY: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

ALL: God's love is everlasting.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Triads

Sandy Thoits

READINGS FROM THE PROVERBS

Proverbs 17: 17; 18: 24

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"There Is a Higher Throne"

St. Andrew's Choir; Mande Sikich, directing

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Julie Sommers

SENDING SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

on screens

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Ruth 1: 1-18

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD

REMEMBERING RUTH

Dr. Brett Becker

"Better Than Kin!"

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymnal, #403

LITANY OF VOCATION AND MINISTRY (Based on 1 Corinthians 12)

ONE: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

MANY: There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

ONE: There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

MANY: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

ONE: There are those who listen, those who help, those who serve.

MANY: There are those who heal, those who teach, those who lead.

ONE: There are those who build, those who support, those who assist.

MANY: There are those who discern, those who judge, those who analyze.

ONE: There are those who speak, those who imagine, those who interpret.

MANY: There are those who respond, those who rescue, those who risk.

ONE: There are those who sacrifice, those who suffer, those who show us the way of righteousness.

MANY: There are those who intervene, those who exhibit faith, those who embody hopefulness.

ONE: And there is one who sticks closer than a brother, one who went to the cross for us.

MANY: He is the one who gives all good gifts, and by his Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

ONE: So let us all lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

MANY: Putting aside self-interest and being renewed by God's Spirit.

ONE: For we have been created to glorify God

ALL: And to enjoy God forever! Amen.

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, #592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *responsive*

MINISTER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

CONGREGATION: **People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

MINISTER: This is the Lord's Table.

CONGREGATION: **It is not the Presbyterian table.**

MINISTER: Neither is it the Lutheran table, the Baptist table, or the Methodist table.

CONGREGATION: **All are welcome here. Anyone who has been called by God is invited to come and put their trust in Christ.**

MINISTER: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, just as we, ministering in his name, now give it to you. And when the disciples received it, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus! Lift up your hearts!

CONGREGATION: **We lift them to the Lord.**

MINISTER: Give thanks, for God is good.

CONGREGATION: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

MINISTER: Everlasting God, we thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love, and for the breath of life and the freedom to choose your way.

CONGREGATION: **Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy.**

MINISTER: Holy God, we thank you for your son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story. He healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. He stood against the institutional powers and was killed because of his influence.

CONGREGATION: **We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen in our hearts that we might carry on his work of love and justice in the world.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION *by intinction* (Gluten free bread is available)

* HYMN OF COMMUNION

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Hymnal, #514

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

* POSTLUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeter: Anita Becker;
 Liturgist and Communion Celebrant: Rev. Judith Muller; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers;
 Communion Servers: Rachel Tobler, Ann Padden-Rubin



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email
 Lydia Swanson at lydiaswanson@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

1 9:30a Worship/Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Adult Ed. Class 2p Ministerios Llamada Final 3p PYF 4p Christopher Davis piano concert	2 12:30p Spirits in Action Bible Study 3p Cerebral Palsy 7p AA	3 7a Men's Fellowship Group 1p Parkinson's 7p Youth Ministries Team 7p SBMC	4 10:30a H.O.M.E. Team 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 7p Choir 7p AA	5 1p Parkinson's	6 10:30a Church Women United @ First Presbyterian 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final	7 1p Watercolor Painting 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final
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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 TODAY 3-6p.m. Road Rally Adventure. NO PYF on Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS today 11a.m. in Morgan Hall. *The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself.* Classes will continue on May 15, 22, 29 and June 5.

PIANIST CHRISTOPHER DAVIS will be giving a concert today at 4p.m. in the Sanctuary. "The Art of Longing" is a recital of German and French music with tenor Bryan Lane and pianist Christopher Davis. Reception in Morgan Hall following the concert. A freewill donation will go to the musicians.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Friday, May 6, 10:30a.m. First Presbyterian Church, SB. Salad lunch \$8. R.S.V.P. to Michelle @ 687-0754 by Tuesday, May 3.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING 2016, Saturday, May 14, 9:30a-2:30p.m. at the Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church. Register by April 30 by emailing: kl_nienhouse@yahoo.com Registration fee is \$15. Brochures are available in the narthex.

"TRIADS" AT ST. ANDREW'S. Sign up now be part of small group Triad of three women or three men joining together for fellowship, friendship and growing in faith. This is a great opportunity to get to know new people. Triads usually meet regularly for Bible study and fellowship, flexible to their own schedules. To sign up to start your own Triad or join another, contact Sandy Thoits at standrewsclerk@gmail.com or call the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is responding to the earthquake crisis in both Ecuador and Japan. Designate gifts to DR999999-Disaster Relief-International Disasters and Emergencies. Gifts can be made [online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You can also text PDA to 20222 to donate \$25.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, Sunday, May 22, 10:30a.m. following worship to elect church officers.

