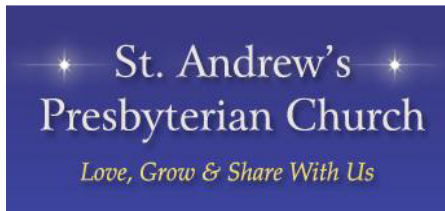


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ASCENSION SUNDAY  
May 17, 2015**



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

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**GREETING**            *responsive*

*Dr. Brett Becker*

ONE: This is the place,

**MANY: The place where we joyfully worship God!**

ONE: This is the time,

**MANY: The time when we are reminded that God is with us.**

ONE: These are the friends,

**MANY: The friends who celebrate with us our joys and share with us our sorrows.**

ONE: This is our faith,

**MANY: Our faith in Jesus Christ, who challenges us and shapes our future.**

ONE: This is our worship,

**ALL: Our worship that exalts God, the Son, and the Spirit, in whom we live and move and have our being.**

**\* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

**OTHER: And also with you.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**            "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Hymnal, #483

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**            *responsive*

*Elvia Addison*

ONE: Easter is a time to reflect, to reconsider, and to rejoice!

**MANY: Easter is a time for putting to rest old grudges and resentments, a time to love neighbor as self.**

ONE: Easter gives us the opportunity to renew our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

**MANY: As Deliverer.**

ONE: As Friend.

**MANY: As Lord.**

ONE: Today, surrounded by believers, we worship our Savior, Deliverer, Friend, and Lord.

**ALL: We faithfully rejoice in Christ's presence among us!**

**\* HYMN OF RESURRECTION**            "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymnal, #104

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**     *unison*

God of the Easter season, we reflect today on the challenges, the unexpected changes, the surprising paradoxes that come our way when we walk with you. We want greatness, but instead we find humility. We want guarantees, but instead we discover trust in you. We want happiness, but instead we find joy in allowing you to be the Lord over our lives. Forgive us our presumption and haughtiness. Look past our pride and addiction to control. Enable us to let go in this season of joy and trust, to be honest with ourselves and with you, and to learn what you would have us do and say and be this day. In the name of the Spirit of Christ we ask these things. Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**SONG OF INTROSPECTION**     "Search Me, O God"     *on screens*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**     *responsive*     Romans 8: 35, 37-39

ONE:     Who will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

**MANY: Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

ONE     No, but in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**MANY: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

ONE:     Believe the good news of the gospel, my friends.

**ALL:     In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL READING**     John 20: 11-18

ONE:     The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**     "Who Shall Ascend?"     *St. Andrew's Choir, Mandeé Sikich directing*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**     *Julie Sommers*

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**     Acts 1: 1-11

ONE:     The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD**     "Up and Away?"     *Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **SONG OF RESPONSE**     "Spirit"     *Hymnal, #319*

**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**

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT**     "Take My Life"     *Hymnal, #391*

\* **BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**     *Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeters: Marie & Beau Henderson and Laura Lee; Liturgist: Elvia Addison; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

<p><b>17</b> 9:30a Worship 9:45a Church School 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Children's Ministry Team 11a Adult Ed. Class  2-5p Ministerios Llamada Final  6p PYF</p>	<p><b>18</b>  12:30p Spirits in Action Bible Study  7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:45a Men's Fellowship Group  1p Parkinson's  6p Joint Session Deacon Dinner 7p Session 7p Deacons 7p SBMC</p>	<p><b>20</b>  6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final  7p AA Success</p>	<p><b>21</b>  1p Parkinson's  7p Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b>  6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30a Tabitha Circle  1p Watercolor Painting  6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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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** 6-8p.m. at the church, dinner provided. NO PYF on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend).

**ADULT ED CLASS ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY WILL CONTINUE TODAY at 11a.m. in Morgan Hall.** The class will continue on May 30 and June 7, using Mark Achtemeier's book "The Bible's YES to Same-Sex Marriage."

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 10:30a.m.** for election of church officers.

**ALL CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER, SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 6p.m. in Morgan Hall.** Sponsored and entertainment by the PYF. Free will offering taken. Sign up during coffee fellowship time.

**GRADUATES AND PARENTS** We will be honoring our grads on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> during worship. Please let the church office know if you are graduating this year and let us know the name of your high school or college and what you plan to do next year. Email approximately 6 photos to the church office: [msiadal@standrewspcusa.org](mailto:msiadal@standrewspcusa.org) by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN NEPAL.** You can give financial support for the relief efforts in Nepal by going [online](#), or calling (800) 872-3283 weekdays 8a.m. – 6p.m. (EST), or checks can be written to St. Andrew's and write in the memo line DR999999 (Nepal).

**ALL FAMILY BBQ AND POOL PARTY. SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - 3:00 – 5:30PM.** At Giorgi Park Pool, 1027 N. San Marcos Road (4 blocks north of Cathedral Oaks). Relax and enjoy swimming and sliding in the beautiful pool. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM. \$5 per person, \$20 max. per family.

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN on Sunday, May 24.** This offering supports local and Presbyterian Mission youth projects.

## OFFERINGS OF PRAYER

### Joys and Concerns from last Sunday's Worship Service

**Please note** – On Sundays, joys and concerns may be written down on the forms provided in the sanctuary lobby. They will be displayed on the screens during the prayer time. Prayers may also be submitted by email to [standrewsprayers@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsprayers@gmail.com) by 7:00p.m. each Saturday. Please indicate in your email whether we can share your joys and concerns with the congregation by email and on the church website.

#### *Concerns*

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Concern</u>
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#### *Joys*

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Joy</u>
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### Ongoing Prayer Requests

#### *Those who have been ill or injured:*

David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Patricia Collins, Nettie Graham, Brad Naegle, Carole Wallace, Dick Zylstra

*Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.*

#### *Those in convalescent care:*

Goleta Cottage Hospital: Liz McNeil

Valle Verde Health Center: Bob McWilliams

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr and Barbara Hagen

#### *Presbytery Prayer Concern:*

Mission Street Church New Church Development congregation and staff,  
Pastor Graham Baird