



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

### April 2, 2017



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

#### PRELUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Brett Becker*

#### GREETING *responsive*

PASTOR: Why are we here today?

PEOPLE: **To worship God!**

PASTOR: Can't we do that alone?

PEOPLE: **Yes, but we do it better when we're with the people of God!**

PASTOR: How then shall we proceed?

PEOPLE: **With humility, joy and peace!**

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

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

MANY: **And also with you.**

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE "Sing a New Song"

*Renew!, #21*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive* Psalm 96

*Rev. Judith Muller*

ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song!

MANY: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

ONE: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name!

MANY: **Tell of God's salvation from day to day!**

ONE: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

MANY: **God has performed marvelous things among all peoples!**

ONE: Honor and majesty belong to our God!

MANY: **Strength and beauty are in this sanctuary!**

ONE: Come worship the Lord with me.

ALL: **And let us exalt God's name together.**

#### \* SONGS OF PRAISE "God is Exalted" (2x)

*Sing the Faith, #2070*

"I Love You, Lord" (2x)

*Sing the Faith, #2068*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

When we are honest with ourselves, O God, we know that there are things we should do that we don't do. We tell ourselves that we're too busy, too committed, too important. Sometimes those things are true; but often, they are not. Most of the time, we just don't care enough. Forgive us, O God. May your forgiveness be empowering – enough so that the next time we have the opportunity to serve or help or assist, we will. We know, Lord, that our time on earth is limited. Encourage us to make the most of the days ahead, so that anyone wondering about us will be able to say, "She loved the Lord, and her life showed it," or "He was dedicated to serving God, and he ran the good race." Our goal is to please you, O God. Help us to do so today with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYERS**

**SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION** "Search Me, O God"

*on screens*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *responsive*

ONE: Anyone who wonders about the certainty of God's grace can stop wondering!

**MANY: Anyone doubting the goodness and greatness of God can stop doubting!**

ONE: God's goodness is sure. God's grace is absolute.

**MANY: We see it in each other when we go the extra mile.**

ONE: We experience it in our sister or brother when they show compassion and mercy to us.

**MANY: We recognize it in a stranger when he or she loves their neighbor.**

ONE: God's character and personality are evident in those who emulate God's kindness.

**MANY: And in those who follow the example of Jesus.**

ONE: Thanks be to God for rescuing us from our cynical selves!

**ALL: And for saving us from all that would diminish the Spirit within us!**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

One Great Hour of Sharing

*Linda Sorensen*

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Psalm 15: 1-5

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

*St. Andrew's Choir;*

*Evan Schindler, directing*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Julie Sommers*

**THE GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 20: 17-28

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD**

"The Great"

*Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **HYMN OF FAITH**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymnal, #263

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

*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**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** *responsive*

*Dr. Brett Becker*

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 and minds! We trust him to overcome every power that would hurt or divide us, that we might meet him again in glory.**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

\* **HYMN OF INVITATION** "We Come as Guests Invited" Hymnal, #517  
*Glory to God, #504*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeter: Beverly Ford; Liturgist: Rev. Judith Muller; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers; Communion Servers: Elaine Grimesey, Linda Gunther, Carol Moore, Pam Polan, Tana Thomas, Tom Weisenburger



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email Lydia Swanson at [lydiaswanson@hotmail.com](mailto:lydiaswanson@hotmail.com)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>11am</b> Adult Ed.  <b>6:00pm</b> No PYF	<b>3pm</b> Cerebral Palsy  <b>7pm</b> AA Grateful	<b>7am</b> Men's Fellowship Group  <b>1pm</b> Parkinson's  <b>6:30pm</b> YMT mtg <b>6:30pm</b> Master Chorale	<b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final  <b>7pm</b> Choir <b>7pm</b> AA Success	<b>10am</b> Eve Circle  <b>1pm</b> Parkinson's	<b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final	<b>9am - 12pm</b> Russian language school  <b>10am</b> Book Club  <b>1-3pm</b> Watercolor class  <b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final

## 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.

**NO PYF** tonight due to spring break.

**EASTER LILY ORDERS** are now being accepted. Please fill out the attached order form and return it to the office with your check. Thank you!

**LENTEN CENTERS**, "Pray Through Holy Week" activities. Next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 1:00pm in Morgan Hall.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be collected on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL** resumes this Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Dates for Chaperones are still open. Please sign up after service or contact Linda Sorensen.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm on lawn.

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Bring a friend! Reception following.

**NEW HYMNAL BOOK** - *Glory to God* hymnals (purple) available in the Narthex.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT.** For 2017, per capita is **\$10.35** per member to support the efforts of the PC(USA) and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. Use your blue "Per Capita" pledge envelope. Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's and mark it "per capita."

**ADULT ED CLASS**, "*Living the Questions 2.0*", wraps up today at 11:00am in the Window Room of Morgan Hall, with this Sunday's lesson titled "Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians". If you need a copy of the class Syllabus, contact Tom Weisenburger ([yznbrgrt@cox.net](mailto:yznbrgrt@cox.net)).

**TRANSITION HOUSE OPPORTUNITY.** Experience the joy of serving dinner to grateful residents with St. Andrew's friends. Third Friday of every month at 6:30pm. Sign up today after worship. Next date is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Instructions, menu and recipes provided.

**HELP THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY'S** efforts to rebuild the SB Mosque, which sustained damage in a fire. To make a donation, go to: [www.launchgood.com/project/rebuild\\_the\\_santa\\_barbara\\_mosque#/](http://www.launchgood.com/project/rebuild_the_santa_barbara_mosque#/)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED ASPINWALL** on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am, following service at St. Andrew's. Ed, a one-time Parish Associate and the Founding Pastor of Goleta Presbyterian Church, died on Tuesday morning, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MISSING DVD** from the library - Nick Vujicic DVD. Please return to basket in library. Thank you.

**BIMONTHLY LIGHTHOUSE NEWSLETTER** starting in May, FYI, so look for your copy then.

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