



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

### April 30, 2017



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

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**GREETING**

**PASTOR:** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**PEOPLE:** **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

**ONE:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**OTHER:** **And also with you.**

**\* SONG OF GATHERING** "Spirit Song"

*Renew!, #248*

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

*Anita Becker*

**ONE:** Sisters and brothers in Christ, arise! Arise and lift your hearts! Arise and lift your eyes! Arise and lift your voices! The living God – the living, moving Spirit of God – has called us together in witness, in struggle, in celebration. God reaches out towards us. Let us worship and praise our God!

**WOMEN:** **We give thanks, God of wonder, for the marvel of creation that surrounds us!**

**MEN:** We give thanks for all the mysteries of life and salvation that you reveal to us!

**WOMEN:** **May our lives and our world be reawakened and reformed by the power of your grace.**

**MEN:** Let us see your glory, your justice and your peace.

**ALL:** **You have given us your world and placed the future in our hands. Nourish us, O God, by your Word. Inspire and embolden us to make your power, grace and glory known in our day!**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** *unison*

God of grace, we are in a world that needs you so much. So do we. We praise you that you enter into our lives with love, mercy, and compassion. You walk alongside us, giving Jesus as our constant companion and friend. Yet often we do not follow his example. We fail to follow in his steps, remembering the outcast and fighting for the marginalized and forgotten ones. We are sometimes slow to stand up for liberty and justice for all. We think about ourselves long before we think about others. Forgive us, O God. On this new day of worship, stir up yet again your Holy Spirit within us, filling us with enough faith to leap into simple, daily acts of Christian kindness, to offer a kind word instead of a criticism, to look for the best instead of the worst in our fellow human beings. Kindle, we pray, the fire of your Spirit within us, we who have taken the name Christian as our own and pledged to live in your name. Make us thankful, O God, for all your gifts of love. Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL CONTEMPLATION**

**SONG OF BLESSING** *(remain seated)* "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

*on screens*

(to the tune of "Bless His Holy Name")

**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 brought to completion!**

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

**ALL: God's love is everlasting.**

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE**          Jonah 2:1 – 3:10

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**          "Let It Be" (Lennon/McCartney)

*Christopher Davis, Evan Schindler*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Julie Sommers*

**THE GOSPEL READING**          Matthew 12: 38–41

LEADER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**MANY: Listen for what the Spirit is saying to us.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD**          **JONAH: THE MERCURIAL PROPHET**          *Dr. Brett Becker*

"Something Greater Than Jonah is Here"

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

*Glory to God, #716*

**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 & THANKSGIVING**

\* **HYMN OF SERVICE**          "Though I May Speak"          *Hymnal, #335*

\* **CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeters: Anita Becker ; Liturgist: Anita Becker; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>11am</b> Adult Ed  <b>6pm-8pm</b> PYF dinner at church	   <b>3pm</b> Cerebral Palsy  <b>8pm</b> AA Grateful Group	<b>7am</b> Men's Fellowship Group  <b>1pm</b> Parkinson's  <b>7pm</b> SB Master Chorale	   <b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final  <b>7pm</b> AA Success Choir	  <b>10am-12pm</b> Eve Circle VOS room  <b>1pm</b> Parkinson's	    <b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final	<b>8:30am - 12:30pm</b> Russian Language School  <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.

PYF dinner tonight at church from 6-8pm.

**ADULT ED CLASS** "*Religious Pluralism: Seeing Religions Again*" today at 11:00am.

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY PRESENTATION / MEETING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS** on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Come get to know our Muslim friends after they speak at the Adult Ed series "*Love Your Muslim Neighbors*." Join in the discussion to learn about forms of worship and how they are similar and different from our own.

**RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL** this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Dates for Chaperones are still open. Please sign up after service or contact Linda Sorensen.

**CHRIS DAVIS RECITAL.** Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments following. Goodwill offering taken.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am, following worship, to elect church officers.

**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."

**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 May 19<sup>th</sup>. Instructions, menu and recipes provided.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm. Tuesday Pastor drop-in hours: 9:30am to 11:30am. (Pastor cell phone number: 503-312-0049).

**YOUR CHURCH SESSION** welcomes input from the congregation. Should you have any suggestions, concerns or questions for Session, please submit them in writing to Session, addressed to the Clerk of Session (Sandy Thoits).

**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>.