

May 9, 2021 Worship  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

God has called us together to strengthen us.

**Even now God's hand of blessing rests upon us.**

Thanks be to God for the love we have received.

**We come to live, proclaim, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. May God be glorified in all we do and say!**

\*Song

*More Love, More Power*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silent Prayers

\*Assurance

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hold onto the peace of Christ, and right where you are, pass it to those you see, with a wave, a hand over your heart, or some sign.

Prayer of Illumination

**Holy God, as we open your Word, help us lay aside all that keeps us from listening to your voice. Grant us grace to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to apply what we learn; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

John 15:8-17

Coming to Christ as a Child

\*Hymn #335

*Though I May Speak*

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13

Sermon

*"The Greatest of These Is Love"*

Rev. Diane Pomeroy

\*Hymn #358

*Help Us Accept Each Other* (tune #447 *Lead On O King Eternal*)

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Sung Response

Hymn #372, verse 2

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

Presenting Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

**To you, O Merciful God, we return what you have entrusted to us in your abundant grace.**

**Receive these offerings to further your Kingdom here on earth. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Offertory

*The Gift of Love*  
St. Andrews Singers

Hal Hopson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Song

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude