



Disability Awareness & Inclusion Sunday

November 12, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

Prelude | Gather Us In *setting by Mark Hayes*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Gathering Hymn** | Gather Us In *red hymnal, #529* stanzas 1, 2, & 4

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

We come together today knowing that we often fail to welcome and include all people in our worship and service. And so we come seeking God's grace, knowing that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sin, first silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Litany of Confession

Almighty and creating God; we come before you today as people who are separated from one another by fear, prejudice and ignorance.

I am sorry.

By our language, actions and facilities we declare insiders and outsiders in our lives and in our church.

I am sorry.

Forgive us and create in us the vision of opening our hearts, minds, and doors as wide as the love of God, so that no one is left outside. Help us to reach beyond ourselves to discover the joy of the community. Give us the patience to discover that all people have gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Psalm 121 *Bible*, pg. 498

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson | Luke 18:9-17 *Bible*, pg. 853

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Helen Bryce *Deacon*

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the Congregational Hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | Beneath the Cross *red hymnal*, #825

Epistle Lesson | Colossians 3:1-3 *Bible*, pg. 957

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | God Sighted Barbara J. Newman

Apostles' Creed *red hymnal*, #783

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | In Christ There Is No East or West/Breathe on Me, Breath of God *setting by Mark Albrecht*

In Christ there is no east or west; he breaks all barriers down;

By Christ, redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

Text: Michael Perry

***Offertory Response** | Doxology with Alleluias *Text: Thomas Ken, adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Litany of Inclusion (see insert)

Prayers of the People + 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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Mighty to Save *red hymnal, #611*

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Barbara J. Newman, *speaker*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Lee Rabe, *assistant director of music*

Jeff Charis-Carlson, *guitar*

Sarah Beerends, *flute*

(8:30) Myrna Farraj; *worship leader*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

Infant and toddler care (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◆ Memorize Colossians 3:1-3 and consider how to see my world with eyes made new by Christ.
- ◆ Talk with my household about the ways we can open our home and lives to others.
- ◆ Pray for myself and others I know who are challenged by disabilities.
- ◆ Reach out to someone I know who is in need of being welcomed to the community.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door.

The **flowers** today are shared by the Lamkins Family in honor of Kaitlin's 15th birthday today.

There is a **volunteer** opportunity this afternoon at 1:00 at the new building to construct acoustic panels. If you have a staple gun, please bring it. For more information, contact Toni Van Voorhis at ToniVanVoorhis@gmail.com.

The **Alternative Gift Market** will be Sunday, November 19. Because of space limitations, the market will be organized, as last year, as a "poster market." Posters featuring giving opportunities to local, national and global mission will be displayed in the narthex and sanctuary. Members of MOS and Deacons will be available before, after, and between services on the 19th to assist shoppers with information, gift cards, and payment by check. After Sunday the 19th, gifts may be purchased anytime through December at a "self-serve" station located in the narthex. For more information, contact Paul Heidger at pmheidger@g.com.

The financial needs of our community have been particularly high as of late, and our **Deacons' Fund** is currently low. Please consider making a donation to the fund by either putting cash or a check in the envelopes in the baskets during worship or by bringing cash or a check into the church office. Thank you!

All **BASIC and ETC families** are invited to join other families from BASIC and ETC (the junior high and senior high student ministries) to a **Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration!** Turkey, dinner rolls, drinks, and table service will be provided! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share! A special time of sharing will follow the meal! Questions? Contact Randy at rahausler@saintandrew-ic.org.

