



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2013, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Meditation with Plainsong
Though I May Speak

Robert Below
Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This Holy Communion is the feast of victory for our God!

People: Let us enter the gates of salvation with praise and thanksgiving!

Leader: Our God says: "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking.

People: "If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

*HYMN 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

✠

*OPENING PRAYER

Steve Plunkett

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

New life stirs and springs up all around us, Lord; while we are earthbound still, held down by doubts, kept back by fears, ashamed of what we fail to do, appalled at what we've done. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us in the resurrection light as once it shone for Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, and the other disciples. Transform our weakness by your strength that we may be alive to Christ and to the lives of those you've given us to serve. Amen. (silent confession)

KYRIE (Hymnal No. 565) *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brandon Lewis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 148

Old Testament, page 550

(read responsively)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S PRAYER (10:50 a.m.)

Children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to the Children's Chapel at this time. Older children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song, wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

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GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

New Testament, page 102

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Betty Lynn Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

From 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

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INTRODUCTION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (8:30 a.m.)

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (10:50 a.m.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kyrie

René Clausen

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

STEPHEN MINISTRY
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING
May 5, 2013

PRESENTATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Leader: Marissa, Karen, and Harriet, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Ministers. Listen now to these words from scripture:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Vows

Leader: Are you prepared to meet the Stephen Ministry requests that are asked of you?

Stephen Ministers: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Leader: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in their needs?

Stephen Ministers: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Leader: (addressing the congregation) We ask you, the members of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, to open your hearts to these Stephen Ministers and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request?

Congregation: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Leader: We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow our Stephen Ministers to minister to you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. Will you do so?

Congregation: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Leader: (addressing the Stephen Ministers) Will you serve as Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers: **Yes, with the help of God.**

PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Congregation: **Eternal God, we ask you to take Marissa, Karen, and Harriet into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about the ministry of caring for others. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit. May they be quick to serve, patient in listening, and willing to share themselves with others. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever.**
Amen.

COMMENDATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Leader: Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and his people as Stephen Ministers, we commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work hard. Use the skills you have learned, employing the gifts and the talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you will be a blessing to others. Continue to study. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Act boldly and without fear, for Jesus Christ is with you. And “may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

BLESSING

Marissa, may the Lord Jesus, who has graciously called you his disciple, now strengthen you by his Spirit for your ministry in and to this world.

Karen, blessed is the person whose strength is the Lord Jesus—may you ever find strength in him for your ministry and in your life.

Harriet, may the God of all peace keep you sound in body, mind, and spirit and strengthen you for the ministry to which you have been called.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

CHARGE

Leader: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
People: Let us keep the feast!

Communion Music He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him G. F. Handel
(from *Messiah*)
Julie Silva and Laura Chester

Thanksgiving after Communion

*HYMN 514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTAD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Mark Sedio

*Those who are able are asked to stand. ✠ Latecomers may be seated.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in honor of Karen Dower, Marissa Glasschroeder, and Harriet Hoff on the occasion of being commissioned as Stephen Ministers and in appreciation of BL Jordan and her commitment to Stephen Ministry at St. Andrew.

Gianna Haddad is serving in worship today as the acolyte. Audrey Cook, Jacob Fritz, Austin Parris, Joseph Fritz, Jerry Turner, Meredith Coke, and Landry Raesz are helping with the processional.

Birthday Endowment Fund - If you celebrate a birthday this month and would like to participate in our Birthday Endowment Fund, remember to pick up your envelope as you leave this morning.

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today and pray that you experience the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. For more information about St. Andrew and our ministry together, please stop by the Visitor's Welcome Center in the narthex. If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, we will gladly provide you with that information.

Stephen Ministry Class of 2013 Commissioned Today

Karen Dower, Marissa Glasschroeder, and Harriet Hoff will be commissioned to serve as Stephen Ministers this morning during the 10:50 worship service. These dedicated ladies have completed fifty hours of training to provide quality Christian care. The current Stephen Ministers will hold a reception for them in the narthex immediately following the service. Please stop by and welcome Karen, Marissa, and Harriet to this new avenue of service to our congregation and community.

Graduating Senior Recognition

Sanctuary @ 5pm, Fellowship Hall, Dinner @ 6pm

We invite everyone to come mark this significant milestone in the lives of our 2013 graduating high school seniors tonight. We will celebrate their lives and achievements with a short program and slide show after the meal. See you there!

May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend

St. Andrew's Summer Sunday Schedule Begins

For those of you who have been wondering when our summer Sunday schedule will kick off, here are the details from May 26 through July 28. A complete summer schedule will be available by the end of the month.

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:00am
Worship, 10:00am
Narthex Coffee Hour, 11:00am
Worship, 5:00pm

Church Office Closed Friday, May 10th

The church office will be closed Friday, May 10th, for the installation of new carpet in the office hallway, main office, and staff offices. The church office will re-open Monday May 13th as usual at 8:30am.

Mother's Day Gift Bags for HOPE, Inc. Moms Deadline: Today

Community Outreach is looking for any of the following items for Mother's Day gift bags for the clients of HOPE, Inc. Last year the committee was able to take 30 Mother's Day gift bags to HOPE for their clients.

Small Hand Lotions	Coin Purses	Makeup Items
Small Soaps or Bath Items	Perfumes	Makeup Bags
Nail Files	Nail Polish	Polish Remover

The committee would also appreciate gift bags to put the items in and tissue paper to finish the bags off prettily. Donations can be placed in the collection bin by the Coke machine near the doors to Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

Pagosa Springs Cabin Available June 2-7, 2013

We have had a cancellation and the Pagosa Springs, CO, cabin is available the week of June 2nd. If interested in renting the cabin that week, please contact Jim White at 940.387.3897 or jim@saint-andrew.com. Thank You!

Not Ready for Prime Time Lunch @ El Guapo's, May 5, Noon

Remember the Not Ready for Prime Time group will have lunch together today at El Guapo's after 10:50am worship. Let Diane Forester know if you plan to come; children are welcome. Bring your appetite and your wallet, and join the fun!

Mother's Day Carnations - \$1 Each

Children may purchase a carnation to honor their mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day next Sunday. To keep things simple we ask that each child purchase just one carnation per honoree. The collection envelope is on the desk in the church office. The how and when of it all are still works in progress; if you have questions, please ask Amy Cole or Joe Alford. Thanks!

The Treehouse Is Now Accepting Applications

The Treehouse is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Families who qualify for free/reduced lunch within the school district are accepted into the program. Other extenuating circumstances will also be considered for families who do not meet that criteria. We currently pick up students at Ginnings and Newton Rayzor elementary schools, but students from other schools can be dropped off at the program. Anyone interested in applying should contact Stephanie Raesz by calling the church office (387-3897) or by email at stephanieraesz@verizon.net.

Prime Time Friday, May 10, Noon, Chancel Choir Room

Parents' Night Out
Saturday, May 11, 4pm-9pm, Rec Center
RSVP to Sue Elliott, toddlerqueen2@gmail.com

Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, May 18, 9am-2pm, Rec Center
Sign-up in the Narthex. Walk-ins welcome.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Reception for New Stephen Ministers,
 Narthex
5:00 p.m. SEW
 Steve Plunkett, Meditation
6:00 p.m. Graduating High School Senior Dinner,
 Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 6

- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, The Den
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**
1:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible
 Study, Room 206/208
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee, Room 206/208
6:45 p.m. Parish Life, Library
7:30 p.m. Diaconate, Room 206/208

Wednesday, May 8

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Adult Choir Room

Friday, May 10

Church Office Closed

- 12:00 p.m. Prime Time, Chancel Choir Room

Saturday, May 11

- 4:00 p.m. — Parents' Night Out, Rec Center
9:00 p.m.

Diaconate Prayer Ministry

This Prayer Ministry was created to offer support to those who have prayer concerns which they would like to remain private. The Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks in the sanctuary; they may be placed either in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request box in the Parlor. These requests are not publicized and are known only to the prayer teams. The Diaconate's prayer teams meet weekly to pray for those who have asked for this support.

May Give-A-Meal Menu

Spaghetti and Canned Sauce, Canned Peas,
Canned Pears

Optional: Cooking Oil, Baby Food

Please return your non-perishable donations for the Denton Community Food Center to the collection bin by the Coke machine near Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

