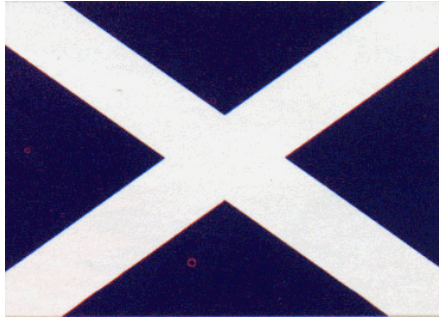


# ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor***  
**Patricia McKewen Amato, *Music Director***

Sunday, May 8, 2011

9:00AM

## MOTHER'S DAY

PRELUDE: Hail Thee Festival Day, *Salve Feste Dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Mary Beth Bennett

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the world.

**People: Sing to the Lord, and praise His name! Proclaim every day the good news that He has saved us.**

Pastor: Proclaim His glory to the nations, His mighty acts to the people.

All: **We are happily gathered to worship Almighty God.**

\*HYMN 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Praise be to You, O Lord, who in the mighty power of Your Holy Spirit, creates and renews the church, presenting through it to the world a new vision, new possibilities of healing the wounds of history, new avenues of peace to explore.**

**Loving God, we come to You in all our mixed up ways. We confess that we hinder the progress of the gospel by our unwillingness to take Christ's way seriously. We confess that we can lose our sense of adventure by hanging on to old words and old ways of doing things. We confess our shallow grasp of Your love for us. Let Your risen glory shine in us with a new brightness that our hearts may reflect Your lasting joy to the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF OUR CHILD CARE-GIVERS TATYANA NIDEL AND ELLA ALTMARK

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beautiful Mother, Sarah Hart and Kevin Hipp.  
Patricia Amato, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:1-11

\*HYMN 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

SERMON

HOW MANY MOTHERS HAVE WE?

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 274

I Love Your Church, O God

St. Thomas

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY The Royal Banners Forward Go, *Vexilla Regis*, arr. Keith Vieregge

THE DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

LEADER: the Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us pray....

T THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using trespasses*)

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

*Old Celtic Prayer*

**Wherever we go, may the joy of God fill our hearts.**

**Wherever we go, may the peace of Christ lead us onwards.**

**Wherever we go, may the compassion of the Holy Spirit be with us to bless us and all who are around us, this day and forevermore. Amen**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Easter Hymn, arr. Kevin*

## WELCOME NOTES

### **GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY THE GIFT OF A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**EVERYONE TODAY IS PART OF OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT WORSHIP.** We hope and pray that this week will be an experience of God's blessings of hope. We especially welcome Tatyana Nidel and Ella Altmark, our talented and dedicated child-care givers who look after our children every week during worship.

**ALL FRIENDS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED** to "sign in" in the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to take some of our information leaflets.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a light and enjoyable reception in the church lounge immediately after worship, many thanks to those who have prepared it.

**OUR NEXT MEETING** of our "Journey through the Bible" will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. at the Brightwood Center, Brightwood Road (off Falls Road). We will be studying the stimulating and timeless message of the Book of Ruth.

**THE NEXT P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) MEETING** will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which all are invited to hear and share plans for St. Andrew's.

**THE 2011 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES** will be held at Fair Hill, Maryland, on Saturday, May 21, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. This is a wonderful day for everyone including children. Brochures are to be found on the lounge piano. Guess who the chaplain of the games will be?

**BARCS.** Have you recently treated yourself to some new towels, pillowcases, blankets, or sheets? Don't throw away your old ones, donate them to BARCS (the Baltimore Animal Care and Rescue Shelter). Any bedding or bathroom linens are welcome, as well as plastic shopping bags from the grocery store. Just deposit them in the basket at our entrance and they'll be picked up and put to good use.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

A family is like the branches of a tree. We grow in different directions; yet our roots remain as one.—R H Mackubin