

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011



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Sunday, September 4, 2011

9:00AM

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

PRELUDE Allegro from Sonata in D Minor Jean-Jacques Naudot (1690-1762)
Kristin Winter Jones, flute, Megan Jones, violin

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Holy One, You are God.

People: We will exalt You. We will praise Your name.

Pastor: For You have done wonderful things.

People: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Pastor: You subdue the noise of violence and hatred.

People: As the shade of a cloud subdues the heat.

Pastor: O Holy One, You are God.

People: We exalt You. We praise Your loving nature.

*HYMN 67 O God, Our Help In Ages Past St. Anne

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

O loving God, whose wisdom and power underlie the best of all the work we plan and do, You are the master craftsman of all the earth and of the universe around us. We thank You that there is always some kind of work for us to do, and from You we receive direction for the use of heart and head and hands.

We thank You for that other dimension of labor where Your spirit reminds us that we are creatures with a calling, and that we are heirs of Your goodness every day. Keep all of us faithful to Your higher law so that our common life may be marked by boldness and conscience, steadfast purpose, and deeds and work as our best offering to You, O God. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 18: 16-33

SPECIAL MUSIC Adagio Jean-Jacques Naudot
Kristin Winter Jones, flute, Megan Jones, violin

GOSPEL LESSON 1 Peter 3: 8-22

*HYMN 485 Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race Tallis Canon

SERMON “God, Tell Me What I’m Doing Right”

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Sarabande
Kristin Winter Jones, flute, Megan Jones, violin

Jean-Jacques Naudot

*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

*COMMUNION HYMN 417 We Place Upon Your Table, Lord Winchester New

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(All are welcome at Christ’s holy table)

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 637 For All the Saints (verses 1, 3, 5) Sine nomine

BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon all our work and worship done in His name. May He give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and forevermore. Amen

POSTLUDE Rondeau Mouret

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

WE WELCOME EVERYONE to our worship experience together. May this Labor Day weekend remind us of our calling to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ. In that service we will be blessed with hope, peace, encouragement and purpose in life.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO WELCOME BACK to St. Andrew's Kristin Winter Jones, flute, and Megan Jones, violin, who are contributing so much to our worship and music today.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE TODAY are given in loving memory of Malcolm Dutterer by his wife, Lisl, and daughters, Lisl, Deborah and Sherry. Malcolm died very suddenly on September 10, 2008. His contribution to family, church, Baltimore City schools, St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, and many other organizations was enormous. His practical leadership, friendship, and infectious enthusiasm will be remembered gratefully for many, many years.

PLEASE NOTE FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION: SEPTEMBER 11 THIS YEAR WILL FALL ON A SUNDAY, the tenth anniversary of the terrorists' attack on New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. These were assaults on the whole of humanity. All five congregations which meet here will recognize that day with a special inter-faith service here in the sanctuary, commencing at 10:30.

FOLLOWING THE INTERFAITH SERVICE a pot-luck lunch is being arranged. Everyone is invited. Sign-up sheets are on the lounge piano. Thank you in advance.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EXCITING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES. We will be pleased to welcome everyone to our first study of the Great Parables of Jesus. This will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the Brightwood Center, (off Falls road) at 10 A.M.

THE NEXT MEETING of our Dream Team and Mission Committee will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 3:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. respectively. Everyone is very welcome to come along and share your ideas and plans. Also, the next meeting of our Planning and Review group, will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited to hear plans for St. Andrew's past, present and future.

A thought for the week ahead:

There are two ways of spreading the light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. – Edith Wharton