

# **ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor*  
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**Sunday, August 7, 2011**

**9:00 A.M.**

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE. LET US ENJOY IT.**

PRELUDE "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" (schmucke dich) Wayne Wold

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make Your face to shine upon us.

**People: That Your way may be known upon the earth, Your saving power among the nations.**

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

\*HYMN 59 This Is My Father's World Terra Beata

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O God of a thousand faces, who sees through all our pretenses to that silent, secret place within where our true spirit sojourns, prune away the duplicities that mask our best intentions, and all those quick defenses that disguise who we really are. Open us up to You and to all who would touch the truth of our being, so that all may see the integrity of lives given over to You, now and forever...** (moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 103: 1-5, 13-22

SPECIAL MUSIC Psalm Malcolm Kogut

GOSPEL LESSON St. Mark 4: 21 - 25

\*HYMN 582 Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

SERMON: THE ANATOMY OF A BLESSING

Dr. Easter Smart Raphael

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY “Jesus, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire” (Metzler’s Redhead) Gwilymr Beechey

\* 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 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

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 595

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

**May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit enflame us, and may the blessing of God rest upon us and abide with us, now and forevermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Douglas Wagner

## **TODAY'S WELCOME NOTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S**

**TO WORSHIP GOD IS TO STAND AT THE TOP OF A SPIRITUAL MOUNTAIN.** May this experience enable us all to survey all the blessings around us. May this experience inspire us all and all around us for this coming week.

**PLEASE ALSO JOIN US** for a light and enjoyable reception in our church lounge after worship. We continue to thank those who have prepared it.

**OUR SPECIAL "GUEST" PREACHER TODAY IS OUR OWN REV. DR. EASTER SMART RAPHAEL**, daughter of Ernest and Rosemary Smart. Easter has been chaplain to the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, since 2000. The university has over 14,000 students and 3000 staff members. We also welcome her husband, Darren, and their three children, Gabriel, Breanna, and Sam.

**WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO WELCOME BACK** Ellen Adajian who is providing our music leadership today during Patti Amato's absence.

**A MUSICAL FEAST ON AUGUST 21, HERE AT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** at 9:00 A.M. See insert. Frances will be embarking upon a Master's degree at Peabody. Those who might wish to support her financially are invited to make out a check directly to her and add it to the offering plate.

**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.

**PASTORAL NEEDS:** Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart., either for yourself or someone you know. Best number is home: 410-893-9470.

### **Thought for the week ahead:**

"Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds."

-Alfred Lord Tennyson (Enoch Arden)