



2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST JUNE 22ND , 2025

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***Those who are able, please stand at marked places**

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Truth & Reconciliation (*on-screen*)

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

***God Lights a Lamp** (*on-screen*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Elijah was afraid and fled for his life.

All: ‘Yahweh’, he replied, ‘I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’

One: ‘Go’, Yahweh said, ‘go back by the same way to the desert of Damascus.’

PRAYER OF APPROACH

(in unison)

Gracious Creator God, many times we have thrown up our hands in resignation. We see our world challenged by forces beyond our control. We feel abandoned and rejected as we somehow have been a serious disappointment to both you and ourselves. We desire to run from our problems and place blame for our misfortune upon someone else or something else. We abdicate our responsibility and expect you to perform miracles that will lift us from our plight. Give us courage to face bravely and with sheer honesty for truth that leads to freedom from our imagined oppression. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: VU 660 – *How Firm a Foundation (*on-screen*)

Children’s Story

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Forgive us and helps us Gracious God:

When we run from inexplicable events, make us stay and face with confidence the truth we must seek. When we cower in our fears and tears, lift our minds and hearts with steadfast resolution. When we feel abandoned and ignored, help us to

quiet the noise of our imagined suspicions and listen to the still small voice that is, and always has been, your voice for our salvation. When we refuse to reach out, make us desire friends in a long and difficult journey which affirms our mutual anxiety that rides a common wave. Make us not only channels of peace, but signs of undying compassion and understanding. Amen.

All: Almighty God, do not remain silent. Do not be unmoved or unresponsive to our need: hear our prayer and answer it.

One: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: VU 232 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee vs 1*
(on-screen)

PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(in unison)

Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life: We give you thanks for your grace and mercy by which the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us. Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn VU 223 – *Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing (on-screen)

Responsive Reading - Psalm 42-43 (VU pg. 768) Refrain #1

Gloria Patri:

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

Hymn VU 218 – *We Praise You, O God (on-screen)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer VU 959 (on-screen)

The Offering

Offering Hymn VU 543 vs 1 - We Give Thee But Thine Own
(on-screen)

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: Rev. Stephen Sparks

***Hymn VU 375 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness vs 1-2* (on-screen)**

COMMUNION

***Hymn VU 375 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness vs 3-4* (on-screen)**

Benediction

One: Stir us, Holy Spirit, into the uncertainty we face. Bold decisions must come from the still small voice, giving light to our path.

All: Stir us, Holy Spirit, breathe your breath from the mouth of God! Move us, shape us, into your will and purpose as disciples of grace and mercy.

One: Go now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming with courage and conviction the beginnings of a new age. Peace be yours as you sail the winds of change, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Musical Postlude

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Stephen Sparks- Guest Presider

Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design