



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Pentecost 17, September 15, 2024

#### Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

L: God calls us to seek justice:

**R: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.**

L: God calls us to seek kindness,

**R: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.**

L: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

**R: Let us be nourished for the work of the kingdom**

L: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 585 (tune 497) "Christ you call us"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord, we bring before you today those elements in our lives in need of your transforming power: that which we misuse or neglect; that which we most reluctantly let go of; that which acts out of fear rather than love; that which we believe is not good enough. God of vision, inspire us and disturb us to examine our deepest desires. Prepare us for your way and forgive us for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Uphold us in faithfulness and renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you each day. Amen**

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Declaration of forgiveness followed by The Lord's Prayer

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 499 "Tell me the old, old story" (*all seated*)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4–9a (p.640); Psalm 116:1–9; James 3:1–12 (p.208);

Mark 8: 27–38 (p.38)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God. 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.**

Hymn: "Jesus keep me near the cross"

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain;

free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,

till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed His beams around me. [R]

3. Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. [R]

4. Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever;  
till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. [R]

Sermon

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 634 "Will you come and follow me"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Dave & Ann Campbell

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Whitney Canning;

**Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse      **Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Reader:** E. Margaret MacDonald      **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Whitney Canning. She is the Hospital Chaplain at the Dartmouth General Hospital.

**Tues: Sept. 17** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Sun: Sept. 22** 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary Meeting: Mon. Sept 23 at 1:00 p.m. IN THE SANCTUARY (please use main door). Speaker: The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald of The Life and Mission Agency of our General Assembly. He will speak about his recent trip to attend the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Malawi and about other work done through our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. All welcome to attend this meeting.

### **Hymn 585**

1. Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;  
plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for your justice; in us kindle love of peace;  
help us heal the broken-hearted; to the captive bring release.

2. Teach us how to work together, brother, sister, side by side,  
equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given – man or woman, young or old;  
help us use each skill and talent, your great purpose to unfold.

3. Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,  
seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;  
send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

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### **Hymn 499**

1. Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,  
for I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.

#### Refrain:

Tell me the old, old story; tell me the old, old story;  
tell me the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,  
that wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon;  
the early dew of morning has passed away at noon.[R]

3. Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave;  
remember I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save.  
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,  
in any time of trouble, a comforter to me. [R]

4. Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear  
that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear.  
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul,  
tell me the old, old story: Christ Jesus makes thee whole.[R]

### **Jesus keep me near the cross : words in the order of service**

### **Hymn 634**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit in what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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