

## **St. Andrew's United Church of Christ**

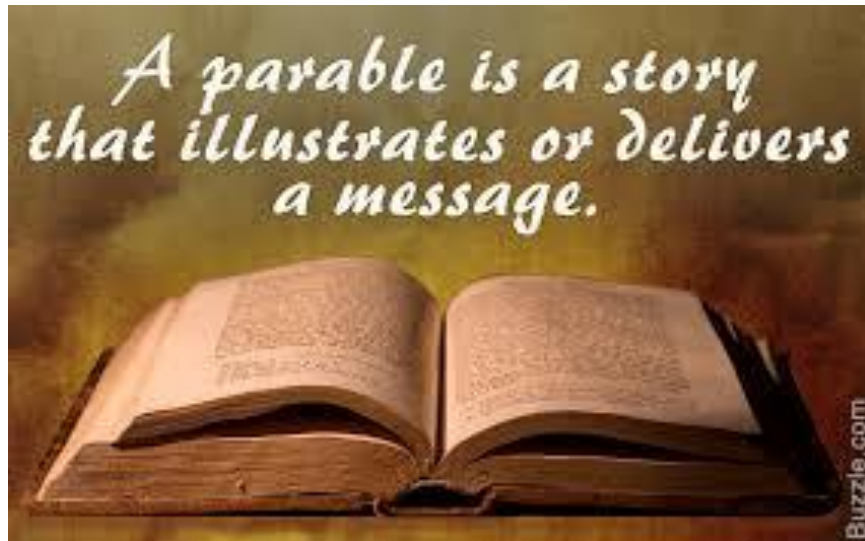
7610 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, MI 48130

Email: [CAAdams@StAndrewsDexter.org](mailto:CAAdams@StAndrewsDexter.org)

[www.StAndrewsDexter.org](http://www.StAndrewsDexter.org)

### **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTCOST**

Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today Pastor Stephen Bringardner is our guest preacher. He will guide us as we look at a few more parables – to get a better understanding of how to experience life in the Kingdom of God...life as God intended.

Thank you again for your prayerful support and faithful giving for the ministry at St. Andrew's during these uncertain and unprecedented times.

**Silent Prayer for the Beginning of Worship** — Lord God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, sadly not with our voices, but gladly with our hearts; we come to have fellowship, to pray and to listen. You always hear us, but now help us to hear you through the music, the prayers, the scripture and its interpretation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD**

RINGING OF THE BELL AND CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the Triune God...

**the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God...

**the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set all of us free.**

Let us worship the Triune God...

**the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.**

Indeed, he is worthy of our praise!

SALUTATION

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

(II Peter 1:2)

**Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

**And also, with you!**

GATHERING HYMN [Rejoice, the Lord Is King](#)

## OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you are great and worthy of all praise. You do wonders in heaven and we see the signs of your glory all around us. Accept our worship, offered in the name of Jesus. May your presence be felt in this place...this hour...by each one of us in a deeply personal way. Some of us are seeking affirmation of your love, others forgiveness, still others physical or emotional healing; and all of us are seeking encouragement in our journey here on earth. Meet us according to our need this hour we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

## WE ARE RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and loving God, whose love and care never ceases, we come to you as we are:**

**We are tired of hearing all the restlessness in our world.**

**We are anxious about problems that go unresolved.**

**We are worried about events beyond our control.**

**We do not easily let go.**

**For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your grace.**

(silent reflection)

**For recovery of strength and enthusiasm; we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, gracious hearts and open hands; we pray to be followers of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Psalm 65:3 assures us that: "When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions." We claim that promise this hour. Thank-you for casting our sins as far as the east is from the west. May we continue to live, guilt-free, in the light of your love. Amen!

### GOD'S DIRECTION FOR OUR LIVES

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## WE HEAR AND LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament – Isaiah 6:9-10

New Testament — selected parables

SERMON – *Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done*

HYMN OF RESPONSE [Blessed Assurance](#)

## WE GO FORTH TO REVEAL JESUS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

PARTING HYMN [Lead On, O King Eternal](#)





### BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround You, and the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore.

**AMEN!**

### POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  Thank you to Pastor Stephen Bringardner for leading us in worship this morning.
-  Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Worship Service at 10:00 am led by Pastor Bigelow.
-  Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day.
-  Vesper Service on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.