

### OPENING SENTENCES

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**All: Happy are they who take refuge in God.**

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** | Andante on “I want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. John Behnke

### CALL TO WORSHIP | From Psalm 145

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**All: And all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: You are near to all who call on you,

**All: To all who call on you in truth.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN# 42** | Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide by your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### + DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS/LAW OF GOD

#### + RESPONSE #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

### SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** | Barbara Kuhn

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** | John 6:1-21 (p. 97, NT Pew Bible)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** | 2 Samuel 11:1-15, (p. 254, OT Pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Tara N. Reck

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | From A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

**We believe in one true and living God alone,  
whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.**

**That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.**

**God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

+ **HYMN # 821** | How Can I Keep from Singing?

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

(EACM needs for the month of July are toothpaste and cereal)

**OFFERTORY** | When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. Victor Labenske

*The arranger quotes particular verses of the hymn, which are printed below.*

*“When morning gilds the skies...” “The night becomes as day...” “May Jesus Christ be praised...” “The powers of darknesses fear...” “Be this whole life is mine...”*

*The hymn is found on page 667.*

+ **DOXOLOGY** | Ash Grove

**Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days, God's banners are o-er us,  
pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

## + PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/LORD'S PRAYER

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**+HYMN # 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

## + CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** | Toccata on "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. John Behnke

Thinking about joining our church family? If you've been visiting for a while and want to learn more about becoming a member of APC, please scan the QR code to fill out an interest form. We'll find a convenient date to meet.



*Our Concerns: Members of APC: Kathy Costanzo, Deborah Wade, Rick Sweet, Lelia Sublett*

*Friends or Family: Virginia Shearer (Gayle Gambo's cousin), Sylvia Jaegers (McCall Eng's mother), Brett McClure (friend of Susan Tucker), Madonna Thomas (friend of the Witherspoons),*

*Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.*

Rev. Tara Reck, Pastor  
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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Like any gathering place, a church has a personality. Our historic building and beautiful sanctuary embody the spirit of tradition, yet our Sunday morning worship services are frequently punctuated by laughter. We are a proud member of Presbyterian Church (USA) and have been designated a Matthew 25 church with two foci: eradicating systemic poverty and dismantling structural racism. We have plentiful fellowship opportunities, classes for all ages, and outreach opportunities in which to participate. You can also find space here to recharge, linger in the depth of message and music, and connect with others who readily accept you and rejoice in varied opportunities to be the church together. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable.

### **Here is some information to help make you feel at home:**

- An elevator is located outside the door on the lectern (right) side of the sanctuary.
- WIFI - Router Name: APC Wifi Password: apcSpirit
- Accessible restrooms are outside the door on the lectern (right) side, the main level below that (go left) and the lower level. Baby changing stations are available in the sanctuary level and lower level restrooms.
- Childcare is available upstairs in the nursery from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every Sunday.
- Activity Bags for children are located on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.
- During the offering, we take a collection of goods for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM). Each month's most needed goods are printed under the offering section.
- A first aid kit and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) are located outside the lectern side (right) doors on the left up on the upper shelf. (Look for the sign)

### **WAYS TO LEARN MORE**

- Please visit [www.anchoragepresbyterian.org](http://www.anchoragepresbyterian.org) for details about our ministries.
- We also have an active facebook page – [www.facebook.com/anchoragepresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/anchoragepresbyterian)
- If you would like to be added to our weekly emails, which have information about what is going on in the life of the church, you may do so by scanning the QR code on the bottom of the order of worship or by going to:  
<https://www.anchoragepresbyterian.org/subscribe-to-newsletter>
- If you have questions, a pastor will be happy to talk with you at your convenience. Simply call the church office at (502) 245-5818, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Pastors take Friday as a sabbath).