

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Turner Matthews, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

GATHERING

Prelude "Worthy of Worship" Dr. Gilbreath

Chiming of the Hour

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

People: Come, let us confess God's might.

Leader: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

People: Come, let us live in God's light.

Leader: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

People: Glory to you, gracious and loving God! AMEN.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Vss 1, 2, 3 #321
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. (We offer our own silent confessions. . .)

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" V1 #418

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion of the People

Anthem "We Come to Your Table, Lord" Choir

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #526

Blessing and Charge

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude "He Lives" Dr. Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold and Italic type indicates our shared response.

To Our Visitors & Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! We invite you to consider membership in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The pastor and elders will be available following the service to answer any questions you may have. If you are a first time visitor, we would like to take you to lunch, so don't run out on us. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

Wednesday Activities
 12:00 Noon Pastor's Brown Bag Lunch
 6:00 PM Potluck Supper
 6:30 PM Peacemaker Service
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2017

Chairperson

Administration, Finance & Property.....	Stu Strong & Turner Matthews
Building/Grounds/Clerk of Session	Stu Strong
Communications & Outreach.....	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick
Education & Spiritual Formation	Shelly Shull
Finance & Stewardship.....	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
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Mission	Greg Vogel
Worship.....	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom
Head Usher	Donald Foster



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The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you. (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

*Gloria Patri #581

WORD

Prayer for Illumination Elder Matthews

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 Rev. Goldman

Message "Is the Lord Among Us or Not?" Rev. Goldman

Offertory
 *Doxology #606
 *Prayer

*The Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and

to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" #552

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith.

Hymn "Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen" #553

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Hymn "Amen" #554

Intercessions for the church and the world

The 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.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"