

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Elder Linda Webster, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission Linda Grissom

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" #234
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of living our whole lives in your love. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and accept your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (We confess our sins in silence . . .)

Hymn "Just As I Am" Vs. 1 #442

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Anthem "Come to the Table of the Lord" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 15:9-17 Elder Webster

Scripture Reading Acts 10:44-48 Rev. Goldman

Message "Amazed by Grace!" Rev. Goldman

Offertory Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

*Communion Hymn "Amazing Grace" #649

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.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Hymn #497 Sing "Bread of Life from Heaven" (refrain only)

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again. (repeat)**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, . . .our lives proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread
Prayer after Communion
People: Amen

*Hymn "Morning Has Broken" #664

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude Dr. Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.
Bold italic type indicates our shared response.
All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

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!***

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2018

	<u>Chairperson</u>
Clerk of Session	Stu Strong
Worship	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	John Jordan & Teresa Culbert
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick

Committees & Subcommittees

Administration, Finance & Property	Stu Strong, Turner Matthews & Ed Wyle
Personnel & Planning.....	Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds.....	Stu Strong
Finance & Stewardship	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Nominating	Dan Watt & Jim Boyd

Class of 2018

Stu Strong
Harold Culbert
Linda Webster

Class of 2019

Ceil Hydrick
Greg Vogel
Turner Matthews

Class of 2020

BJ Breeding
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Ed Wyle

Welcome to



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Scripture Reading, Linda Webster: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.