

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 2, 2018
Elder Linda Webster, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "God's Amazing Grace" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

People: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

Leader: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

People: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

Leader: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

People: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

Leader: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

People: I place my confidence and trust in God always. AMEN.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "I Danced in the Morning!" #157
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it" and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)

Hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #471

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 "In Remembrance of Me" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 Elder Webster

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Rev. Goldman

Message "How to Find Yourself Again" Rev. Goldman

Offertory "All That Thrills My Soul" Dr. Gilbreath #606
*Doxology
*Prayer

*Communion Hymn "And, Can It Be" See screen

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 and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

People: Amen

*Hymn "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #327

*Charge & Benediction Rev. Goldman

Postlude "I Will Call Upon the Lord/The Lord Liveth" 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

Chairperson

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
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Turner Matthews

Class of 2020

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Welcome to



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Scripture Reading Linda Webster: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God

of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

“And Can It Be?”

Verse 1

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Verse 2

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me.

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Verse 3

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.

Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Verse 4

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown,
Thru Christ my own.

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!