

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Turner Matthews, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“My Life, My Joy, My All”

Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor’s Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to share in the gospel of Christ;

All: to lean on the story of God’s great love.

Leader: We gather to answer the call of Christ;

All: to walk the road that leads to the cross.

Leader: We gather to be the body of Christ;

All: to serve the one who is our Head.

Leader: We gather to follow the way of Christ:

All: to sing praises to our God!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#630

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd in shouting, “Crucify him.” Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ again. Amen. (We offer our silent confessions.)

Hymn of Response

“Lord, Prepare Me”

#701

Assurance of Pardon

Leader The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Let us confess our failings together.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Peace:

Leader: Forgiven and redeemed, let us share the peace of Christ. *(Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)*

*Gloria Patri

#581

Anthem

“Come Share His Sacrifice”

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Matthews

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Elder Matthews

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-16, 28-29

Rev. McMahan

Message

“Where’s Your Emmaus?”

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

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We Respond to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith from Confession of 1967, 9.15

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God’s superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. This we believe.

Offertory

“Broken and Spilled Out”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Leader: Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

All: He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace.

Leader: We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

All: With him, we will walk the path to life.

Leader: But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

All: With hearts full of joy we come,

Leader: giving thanks to God, our maker,

All: and offering our praise.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Prayer

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us, we pray, the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #

*Charge & Benediction Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Love Lifted Me" Dr. Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold 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. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

Next Sunday, April 14, we will commemorate Palm (or Passion) Sunday. What begins on a joyous note with the waving of palms ends in the silence of the descent into Holy Week. Instead of listening to scripture being read, various liturgists and the congregation will join in telling the story of Christ's betrayal and passion.

To prepare ourselves for this special Sunday, let's reflect on how we have walked our own road to Emmaus this Lenten Season. Have we tried to "keep on walkin'" in trust, faith, and obedience to Christ, even though the road isn't easy, and the destination is unknown? Have we tried to "live the Word" by including scripture reading in our Lenten journey, so that we don't simply know *about* Jesus but come *to know* Jesus? Are there self-chosen (and self-inflicted) crosses we are attempting to let loose that impede our journeys and hinder our lives as disciples? Have we found our own personal Emmaus, our own private sanctuaries, where we open our eyes to discover Christ in our midst? We still have time before Easter Sunday to reflect on how well we are attending to our spiritual journeys and to the healthy keeping of our souls.

Scripture for next week: The Passion Story according to Mark

Welcome to



***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God’s Love”***

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Turner Matthews: 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?"

Rev. McMahan: Luke 24:13-16, 28-29

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.