

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "This Is Love" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing Barb Mouton

Call to Worship Elder Breeding

This is the day the Lord has made!
We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

You are our God, and we will praise you;

You are our God, and we will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Christ Is Alive" #246

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession: In this Easter Season, we rest in the assurance of Christ's sacrificial love for us. With trust, let us confess our sins and failings:

Prayer of Confession: **Loving Christ, forgive us when we fail to treat every day like Easter day, when we fail to express joy in our lives and belief in new life. Forgive us when we grow apathetic or bored with our faith because we've always believed and somehow our faith has grown stale. Forgive us when we neglect our relationship with you, the One who suffered so that we might be made free. Forgive us when we are too timid to tell your story. We are truly sorry, and we ask to be renewed like Thomas, who despite his doubts, affirmed his true belief in you. Amen.** (We make our silent confessions.)

Hymn "Hear the Good News of Salvation" #441

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God is rich in mercy. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we have been saved. Receive forgiveness and live in abundant love!

The Peace: And now may the peace that Jesus gave to his disciples be ours as we share it with each other. *(Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)*

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Creator, Spirit Come" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Message for the Young at Heart

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 2: 25-32 Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 Rev. McMahan

Message "Being Like Thomas" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "We Walk By Faith" #817

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith from 2010 Book of Order:

God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who announced good news to the poor, proclaimed release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, let the broken victims go free, and proclaimed the year of the Lord's favor. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost; in his life and death for others God's redeeming love for all people was made visible; and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is the assurance of God's victory over sin and death and the promise of God's continuing presence in the world. This we believe.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing" (Vs. 1, 3, 4) #239

*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" 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 warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

A note from Pastor Rosemary:

The Good News Continues!

The Lord is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Those are the responses the early Christians gave each other whenever they met along the way, the belief that defined who they were: Easter People. But Easter Sunday is not just one day. As we observed the forty days of Lent, we also observe with fellow Christians the fifty days of Easter. The Easter Season lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday as we remember Jesus moving and shaking things up even after his resurrection: calling Peter to feed his sheep, eating fish by the seashore with his followers, breaking bread with the travelers on the Emmaus Road, and showing himself to Thomas and many others.

Here at St. Andrew, expect to continue singing Easter hymns of praise and hearing stories about the Resurrection and its effects on the early believers, and hopefully on us. Notice the white stole on the pastor and parament (covering) on the pulpit that announce life, and pay attention to all the signs of new life rising in your own. The Lord is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

A written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at www.standrewdecatour.org.

Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading Elder Breeding: Acts 2:25-32:

For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of

the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.