

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Praise the Almighty King"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

Elder Gilbert

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.**

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.**

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news! Let us worship the risen Christ.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

#267

*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession:

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others, and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you and faltering in our walk with you. We thank you for your offer of second chances. Now let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle faithful life within us and restore right relations among us. Amen.** *(We make our silent confessions.)*

Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Vs. 1, 2

#286

Assurance of Pardon

One: We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

The Peace: Forgiven, redeemed, hopeful, and re-created, let us share Christ's peace with one another. *(Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)*

\*Gloria Patri

#581

Anthem

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Young at Heart Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-17

Rev. McMahan

Message

"The Blessing of Second Chances"

Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#460

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: The 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. This we believe.***

Offertory

"I Give All to You"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer

## Invitation and the Great Thanksgiving

The Invitation

The People's Response: ***He who was buried but rose from the grave is now present in this bread. He whose wounded hands were offered to the unbelieving, now reaches out to us in this cup.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, which art 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.***

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

***In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you, O Lord. Your food is in our souls, your love is in our hearts, and we are in your hands. Take us out as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Amen.***

### **We Go Forth to Minister**

*Hymn of Sending	"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"	#248
*Blessing and Sending		Rev. McMahan
Postlude	"What a Mighty God We Serve"	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.

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# Welcome to



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

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### **Scripture Reading Elder Gilbert: Acts 9:1-20**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him

how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

### **Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: John 21:1-17**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."