

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Our guest minister today is Rev. Peggy McClure.

Prelude "My Life, My Joy, My All" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Minute for Mission: PW Birthday Offering Linda Grissom

Call to Worship Elder Gates

Elder: Behold, the resurrection claims us!

All: We want to see with our eyes and touch with our hands the marks of God's sacrificial love.

Elder: Behold, the Spirit calls to us!

All: We want to know the peace of those who believe where they have not seen.

Elder: The ancestors sing to us: Christ is risen! God is light! Live this light!

All: Blessed are those who live the resurrection. May we join their everlasting song: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Adoration Elder Gates

*Hymn of Worship "O Worship the King!" #41
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, freely confess our sins using the Prayer of Confession:

Prayer of Confession: ***God of earth and sky, your enduring love is like a mighty glacier that pushes aside all that stands before it. Be patient with us as we strive to embrace the promise of our faith. We long to believe in the power of your resurrection, but so many doubts remain. Faced with the ravages of hate, love seems like a candle in the wind. We cleave to the promise of life, but death keeps hold of us still. Come to us, in the midst of our doubts, that we may see Christ's glory and taste the fullness of life. Amen.***

Hymn "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" v. 1 #703

Assurance of Pardon

Elder: The power of God's love heals us! The power of Christ's love saves us! The power of the Spirit's love sets us free!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Peace: Let us share the peace of Christ. *(Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)*

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Psalm 24 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 Rev. McClure

Message "On Liking to be Liked" Rev. McClure

*Hymn of Reflection "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #408

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith (1-26):

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. This we believe.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "I Gave My Life for Thee" Dr. Gilbreath #606

*Doxology

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "He Lives" See Screen

*Charge & Benediction Rev. McClure

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 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.

From Pastor Rosemary:

40 Days of Prayer

"Early Christian symbols include a boat as a symbol for the church. In Jesus' time, there were two ways to power a boat on open water. One was to use muscles, most commonly by rowing. The other way was to harness the power of the wind. When the early Christians used a boat as a symbol for the church, it was never a rowboat; it was always a sailboat. That is because on the day of Pentecost, with "a sound like the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:1), Jesus' promise of power became a reality and drew those who believed in him into a different way of living.

For these early Christians, church was a God-powered, God-led, God-resourced adventure. They found they were caught up in something much bigger than themselves. Day by day, hour by hour, they moved as the Holy Spirit led them. They depended on the Spirit to provide what was needed to do God's work."

Please pray with us to be a sailboat church as we move toward Pentecost!

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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 Nellie Gates: Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. *Selah*

Scripture Reading Rev. McClure: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was

crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.