

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Samantha Simmons, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Praise the Lord!  
**All: The Lord's name be praised!**

One: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #39  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession:

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

Hymn "Light Dawns on a Weary World" #79  
V. 1 & 2 (no refrain)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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 "God is Love" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-42 Samantha Simmons

Scripture Reading Rev. 7:9-17 Rev. McMahan

Message "Making Things New" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "I Love to Tell the Story" #462

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

***Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through the blood of his cross. This we believe.***

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #542

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude 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:*

**Women of the Church Sunday**

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two annual offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received. In 2019, four projects will receive funding through Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will allow PW to provide funding to the PCUSA Disaster Response Team, Effingham Child Development Center, Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc., and Wings of Refuge. "To whom much is given, much is expected." (Luke 12:48).

An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecatour.org](http://www.standrewdecatour.org).

# Welcome to



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

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**Scripture Reading Samantha Simmons: Acts 9:36-42**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Rev. 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation

belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."