

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"In God I Trust"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us;

All: so that God's ways may be known on earth, God's salvation among all nations.

One: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy.

One: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: Let us now praise our God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship

"We Gather Together"

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Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession: In this continuing 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 God, you invite us into your company and yearn for our presence, but so often we fail to heed your invitation. We admit that time with you is not an easy priority for us to make. We admit that we do not think we know how to pray and so believe you will not listen. We admit our disappointment when our prayers have not been answered and so we have walked away. We admit our lack of interest in praying for the needs of this world. We admit we have failed to follow your Son in his example of prayer for us. In this time of worship, we ask your forgiveness for our neglect and we ask that you strengthen our desire to be with you. Amen. (We make our silent confessions.)

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" V.1

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Brothers and sisters, God is rich in mercy. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven, so let us live in abundant love!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Peace: And now may the peace that Jesus gave to his disciples be ours as we share it with each other.

*Gloria Patri

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Anthem

"Peace Unto You"

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

Elder Naumann

Scripture Reading

John 5:1-13

Rev. McMahan

Message

"Good Things Happen, Too"

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

"Change My Heart O God" (2x)

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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. This we believe.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

On this **Memorial Day**, we **thank you** for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

Offertory

"As the Deer"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending

"Victory in Jesus"

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*Blessing and Sending

Rev. McMahan

Postlude

"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

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:

Statements on Prayer from John Calvin's Institutes. Calvin is considered the Father of the Reformed Faith. Reflect on them and see where the Holy Spirit leads you.

- *As faith springs from the Gospel, so by faith our hearts are framed to call upon the name of God (Rom 10:14). (3.20.1)*
- *Let the first rule of right prayer then be, to have our heart and mind framed as becomes those who are entering into converse with God. (3.20.4)*
- *God promises that he will be near to those who call upon him in truth, and declares that those who seek him with their whole heart will find him. (3.20.7)*
- *All the passages throughout Scripture in which we are commanded to pray, are set up before our eyes as so many banners, to inspire us with confidence. (3.20.13)*
- *Hence it is perfectly clear that neither words nor singing (if used in prayer) are of the least consequence, or avail one iota with God, unless they proceed from deep feeling in the heart. (3.20.31)*

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Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading Bob Naumann: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: John 5:1-13

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.' " They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up

and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

"Victory in Jesus"

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain:

Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me, and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.

Refrain:

Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me, and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.
I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the street of gold beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing and the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory

Refrain: (continued on back side)

Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me, and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.