

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Stuart Strong, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Minute for Mission: Pentecost Offering

Call to Worship: from Psalm 97

One: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

One: All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

All The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

One: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession: Brothers and sisters, let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, and in ignoring your call. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we want to turn back to you with all our hearts. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.** (We make our silent confessions.)

Hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #471

Assurance of Pardon

One: The promise of our faith is that, through the cross, we are already forgiven.

All: We believe this and give thanks!

The Peace:

Now let us share with one another the peace that Christ offers us all.

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Jesus Took the Cup" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 16:23-34 Elder Strong

Scripture Reading John 17:20-26 Rev. McMahan

Message "What Jesus Prayed" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "Jesus Calls Us" #620

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967, 9.07 and 9.31

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. This we believe.

Offertory "I Exalt Thee" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

Invitation to the Table

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast that he had prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Affirmation:

One: According to Christ's commandment:

**All: *We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.***

Sharing of the Cup and Bread

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305

*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.

A Prayer in Preparation for Pentecost

Lord Jesus, you promised, "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26). Help us to remember that though we do not know everything, the Holy Spirit understands what is unfolding in our church and in our lives. Help us to remember that when we do not know what to pray for or about, the Holy Spirit knows our hearts and is praying for us. Help us to remember that we alone are not in charge of this church, its ministry and its mission, but are joined by the Holy Spirit who guides and directs us as we allow ourselves to be open to it. Fill us with the Holy Spirit's wisdom and understanding so that all we do may follow your will and help bring about the coming of your kingdom. Prepare us to receive your Spirit as boldly as your early disciples. Let it be the Breath of God upon us. Amen.

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Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading Stu Strong: Acts 16:23-34

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."