

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are thirsty, says Jesus, our Lord.

All: *Come, all who are weak, taste the living water that Christ shall give.*

One: Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul, drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry.

All: *Come all who are thirsty, says Jesus, our Lord.*

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" Vs. 1-2, 4-5 #41
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: As we prepare ourselves to worship God and to receive his holy Word, let us confess our faults and failures and strengthen our desire to make God our focus.

Prayer of Confession:

One: God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not been your faithful, called-out people.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: We have been filled too often with self-concern, self-interest, and "me first" attitudes.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: We have lacked vision; our commitment has been shallow; our love has been narrow.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: We have been complainers, forgetting that we are a people called to thanksgiving.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: Have mercy on us, God, and help us to be like Jesus, who gave up everything for our salvation.

All: *Lord, have mercy upon us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.* (We make our silent confessions.)

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" #695

Assurance of Pardon

One: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again. By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life.

All: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

The Peace: With great thanksgiving, let us share the abundant peace of the Lord.

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "I Love You, Lord" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 42:1-8 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Luke 8:26-39 Rev. McMahan

Message "Pigs and Demons" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "Love Lifted Me" See Screen

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith:

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: The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "Lead On, O King Eternal!" #269

*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" 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: Ordinary Time

The Liturgical (Church) Calendar which we, along with several other denominations follow, seems to have begun as early as the 2nd century, when Easter became the first feast day put on a calendar. Today, we have five major seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, along with special feast days, such as Pentecost. However, another very important season continues as soon as Pentecost is over: the season of Ordinary Time, which we will be in until the first Sunday of Advent. It began after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord back in January until Lent, and now is back in full swing.

So, ordinary time sounds kind of boring, doesn't it? Green stoles, green paraments. Is there nothing to look forward to until December? Not at all. Ordinary time simply means we go about the ordinary (and "extraordinary") business of following Christ's "ordinary" ministry that he was about for three years, and in doing so, we focus on our own maturity and growth in Jesus Christ, as Paul puts it in Ephesians 4: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." So, let's get to work being ordinary!

An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at www.standrewdecatour.org.

Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading B.J. Breeding: Psalm 42:1-8

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"--for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus) to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

"Love Lifted Me"

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more;

But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me
Now safe am I.

Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live
Ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true ,
Merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service too,
to Him belongs

Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

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When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

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