

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

June 30, 2019

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath and Linda Webster

Piano Duet

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship from Ps. 148

One: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
All: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
One: Praise him kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
All: young men and women, old men and children.
One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,
All: and he established them forever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.
All: Let us praise the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

#475

Invitation to Confession: from 1 John 1:8-9 “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Prayer of Confession: **Mighty God, we give you thanks that by your power you created us and by your goodness you call us to be your people. We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. Amend and correct us. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” V. 1 & 3

#418

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

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. McMahan

Message

“Go!”

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

#722

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith: from Declaration of Faith, 6.2
The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord, as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. This we believe.

Prayers of the People: The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory

“Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

#543

*Blessing and Sending

Rev. McMahan

Postlude

“America the Beautiful”

Dr. Gilbreath

Please remain in your seats until song is complete.

*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:

A July 4th Prayer

Lord God, you alone are Sovereign, and our rightful and primary citizenship is in your Kingdom, and our total allegiance belongs to You, as Jesus reminded us when he said, "Be in this world, but not of it." We give thanks this day for this country, for our forebearers and their dream of liberty, for those who followed them with an insistence on justice, for the men and women who have laid down their lives to protect our freedoms. We thank you for the freedom to worship as we feel called to do, openly and in public. And we thank you for the variety of natural wonders found from sea to shining sea.

Lord God, we also ask forgiveness for the Native people who we tread upon, for allowing justice to some and denying it to others, for spoiling the richness and diversity of the natural world over which you gave us stewardship because of greed, and for taking for granted the freedoms others have won for us. Please forgive us and mold us into Kingdom People who exhibit the love, care, and sacrifice of your son for all your children so that America might be the shining city on the hill.

We pray this day for the President and his family, for our congressmen, and for our state and local leaders that all may turn their hearts and minds toward you for wisdom and guidance, and we ask protection for them all. We thank you for all our military men and women and ask their safety and your blessings upon their families. And we ask that you help make us conduits of all the hopes and dreams we and others have for this country.

Thank you, Almighty God, for this country. Please bless, guard, unify, and guide her. 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 B.J. Breeding: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."