

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J.S. Bach) Mark Pettey

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

One: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

**All: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

One: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

**All: Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,**

One: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #353  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

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, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer of Confession: **Lord God, while we know that we fall short of being the disciples you have called us to be, we admit that often the words of our confessions do not reach our hearts. We are inclined to say the right words only to continue in behaviors that break our relationships with you and with others. Sometimes our repentance is shallow, or we ignore your invitation to turn back fully to you, choosing our will over yours. Forgive us, we pray, for our failures to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves as your Son taught us. Help us to remember that the gift of grace was bought with the price of your Son and so to be earnest in our repentance and to be always thankful for your mercy. Amen.** (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "In My Life, Lord" Vs. 1, 3, 4 #468

The Pardon: Consider these words: through the love and mercy of God, every day we begin again, forgiven people who walk in the newness of life.

**All: Thanks be to God for making us new creations!**

The Peace: As Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, let us extend our peace to one another and to the world.

\*Gloria Patri #581  
Anthem Kelvingrove / "Come & Follow Me" Mark Pettey

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-9 Elder Hydrick

Scripture Reading Ps. 51:1-17 Rev. McMahan

Message "Heartfast" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Breath on Me, Breath of God" #286

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: from 1 Peter 2:21-25

**Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, so that we should follow in his steps.**

**"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.**

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.**

**For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. This we believe.**

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

Offertory "Sheep May Safely Graze" (J.S. Bach) Mark Pettey

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "Amazing Grace" #649

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "I'll Fly Away" 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:***

In Reformed Worship, the Confession of Sin takes us back to our baptism. In the waters of Baptism, washed in the name of the Triune God, we receive God's assurance of forgiveness and cleansing. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we can faithfully confess our sin and accept forgiveness. We are confident that in our dying to sin and old destructive ways, the God of boundless grace raises us to new life. God's forgiving mercy is for all who earnestly repent and turn to God. With joy, we praise God, whose gift of grace brings the joy of forgiveness. ~ from *The Service for the Lord's Day, PCUSA, Westminster Press*

**Welcome Mark Pettey, Steelpan Musician:** Mark has been a touring multi-instrumentalist, composer, and educator for over 40 years. His original music is featured weekly on the PBS children's show *Steve Trash Science*. He has appeared in concert with artists as diverse as Beverly Sills, Aretha Franklin, Barry Manilow, the Marshall Tucker Band, and many others. He learned to play the steelpan in Trinidad, W.I. and has performed on the instrument for street festivals, weddings, and churches since 1980.

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



***"Prayers of Confession"***

**"Heartfast"**

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**Scripture Reading Ceil Hydrick: Isaiah 58:1-9**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Psalm 51:1-17**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.