

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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

July 28, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Samantha Simmons, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Sing of His Greatness" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: Who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,**

One: Who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,

**All: Who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace, and has made known to us the mystery of his will.**

One: This is our God! Let's worship him together.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "Take My Life" Vs. 1, 4, 5, 6 #697  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence as we confess our sins before Him and one another:

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for all we have done that has not honored you. 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.***

Hymn "In My Life" Vs. 1 & 4 #468

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Solo "You'll Never Walk Alone" Paulette Devine  
Linda Webster, accompanist

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lev. 22:1-3, 17-21, 29-33 Samantha Simmons  
Numbers 6:24-26

New Testament Mark 12:41-44 Rev. McMahan

Message "Giving Back" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #708

## 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. Amen.***

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

Offertory "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We are Sent into the World

\*Hymn of Sending "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #700

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "He Keeps Me Singing" 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.

**To All:**

The baptismal font at the entrance into the sanctuary signifies baptism as the entrance into the Universal Church and our inclusion in the worldwide family of Jesus Christ. It reminds us to remember our baptisms and be thankful.

*From Pastor Rosemary:*

During July, our sermon series focused on how our identity as children of God is formed by what we do in worship, and how what we do in worship influences our actions in the world. Beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will return to the lectionary, the readings established for "ordinary time," that time before Advent where we walk with Jesus in the gospels and learn from him in his day to day ministry. We will also be celebrating The Lord's Supper on August 4<sup>th</sup> and so we are invited to take some time this week to prepare our hearts to receive the real presence of Jesus as we are spiritually fed at that meal.

Please welcome our soloist today, Paulette Devine, who is an active member of Southside Baptist Church. Paulette is a member of the choir and a soloist in her church. Paulette is active with the Decatur Civic Chorus and serves on their board. She also is active in the Decatur Music Club. Paulette has worked for 26 years with the Baptist Children's Home.

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



**Mark 12:41-44**

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**Scripture Reading Samantha: Lev. 22:1-3; 17-21; 29-33**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Direct Aaron and his sons to deal carefully with the sacred donations of the people of Israel, which they dedicate to me, so that they may not profane my holy name; I am the LORD. Say to them: If anyone among all your offspring throughout your generations comes near the sacred donations, which the people of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he is in a state of uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons and all the people of Israel and say to them: When anyone of the house of Israel or of the aliens residing in Israel presents an offering, whether in payment of a vow or as a freewill offering that is offered to the LORD as a burnt offering, to be acceptable in your behalf it shall be a male without blemish, of the cattle or the sheep or the goats. You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable in your behalf. When anyone offers a sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, in fulfillment of a vow or as a freewill offering, from the herd or from the flock, to be acceptable it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.

When you sacrifice a thanksgiving offering to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that it may be acceptable in your behalf. It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall not leave any of it until morning: I am the LORD. Thus you shall keep my commandments and observe them: I am the LORD. You

shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel: I am the LORD; I sanctify you, I who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD.

**Scripture Reading Samantha: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Mark 12:41-44**

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."