

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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

August 18, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Faith is the Victory" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

**All: *My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.***

One: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

**All: *Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.***

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "This is My Father's World" #370  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession:

As we come before the Lord this morning, let's confess those times when we are less than we know we are called to be, trusting in the mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession: ***Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict. We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude.***

***Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)***

Hymn "Lord, When I Came into This Life" Vs. 1 & 4 #691

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: Friends, the good news is this: While we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ came to forgive, to redeem and to restore us to right relationship with God.

**All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***

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 "Here I Am, Lord" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading Luke 12:22-31 Rev. McMahan

Message "Faith, Not Fear" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "His Eye is on the Sparrow" #661

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: from a Brief Statement of Faith

***In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. This we believe.***

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

Offertory "Til the Storm Passes By" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #542

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Trust and Obey" 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.

**Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:**

***When does this take place?***

After worship on the first Sunday of the month, beginning Sept. 1.

***Who is it for?***

For members who are ill and who would like prayer. For members who have a loved one who is ill and would like to receive prayer for that person. For members who are struggling with emotional or spiritual issues. For anyone desiring any kind of personal prayer.

***What happens during this time?***

The service consists of a brief scripture, a time of prayer, anointing with oil, and laying on of hands for those who desire it. Leaders would include the pastor and at least one other elder (or commissioned member) trained in praying for specific needs in the areas of healing and wholeness.

*James 5:14: "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."*

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Rosemary.

An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecatour.org](http://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 23 (NRSV)**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 12:22-31 (NRSV)**

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you--you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive

after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.