

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Dan Watt, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Praise to the King" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Come, gather here in the presence of Christ, who is our Friend and Healer.

**All: *We have entered here and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.***

One: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

**All: *We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.***

One: Here we are welcomed and loved and cherished.

**All: *Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and praise God.***

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession: When we say we have no sin in us, we are not being truthful. Or we haven't really examined our hearts, our words, or our attitudes toward others. Let us be thankful, but not take for granted, our relationship with a merciful and forgiving God.

Prayer of Confession:

***Lord God, we come before you this morning in worship, knowing worship begins with a prepared heart. We confess that we do not always take the time to examine our hearts and to see how true they are to you. We often don't count those "little sins," the angry word, the ugly thought, the ignored need, the missed moment, forgetting that each little fault chips away at the love you ask from us for you and for others. Like the psalmist, we ask that you create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us so that, with grace and courage, we may worship you and serve your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)***

Hymn "I Love You, Lord" #627

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: Take courage: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and hope is renewed.

**All: *Alleluia! Amen.***

Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "A Place in the Valley" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jer. 2:4-13 Elder Watt

Scripture Reading Heb. 13:1-8 Rev. McMahan

Message "Being Good Stewards" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "There's Something About That Name" (2X) See Screen

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: from the Heidelberg Catechism

***Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. This we believe.***

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

Offertory "When I Look into Your Holiness" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "I Will Call Upon the Lord" 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:**

**“God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.” Ps. 147:3**

Next, Sunday, Sept. 1, we will begin our monthly Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity during worship. Healing is an act of God, not an action we can make; but we can, and are called, to pray for one another. Following the Prayers of the People, anyone who would like to come forward and silently offer their request for healing for themselves or others will be invited to do so. The pastor will pray and offer anointing with oil on the forehead for anyone who desires it.

If you would like a more personal prayer time, you are encouraged to contact Pastor Rosemary to set a time when she and a commissioned prayer person can pray more fully with you. **“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.” Jer. 17:14.**

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 Dan Watt: Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the LORD?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Hebrews 13:1-8**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were

in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

“There’s Something About That Name” **Sing 2 times**  
By Gloria and William Gaither, 1970 CCLI #14064

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;  
There’s just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus;  
Like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;  
Let all heaven and earth proclaim;  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there’s something about that name!