

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for the LORD is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

All: The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

One: Great is the LORD our God, abundant in power with understanding beyond human measure.

All: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden and takes pleasure in those who honor Him. The LORD gathers the lost and brings them home.

One: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving. Praise the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" (Vss. 1, 2, & 4) #331
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: Silent prayer and confession are spiritual disciplines that lead us into a deeper relationship with the Holy God. As we come to God in individual moments of silence, we are coming to God not alone but in community. As we confess our sins together, we open our hearts to God's Word.

Prayer of Confession: **God of Healing and Restoration, you are the creator of all things. We know that in you and you alone we live and move and have our being. Our scripture speaks of your wonderful deeds; our hymns declare your greatness; our prayers rely upon your faithfulness. And yet O God, we too often wonder if you are really there. We too often wonder if you really are able to care for us or if you do hear our prayers. Forgive us O God. Forgive us when your glory is lost in our worrying. Forgive us and heal us that we might be restored to your service and healed for your glory. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)**

Hymn "I Will Come to You." Vs. 1 & 2 #177

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Therefore, if we are *in Christ*, we are new creations; old things have passed away; behold, *all things* have become *new*. Believe and rejoice!

All: We do believe, and we give thanks!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 71:1-8, 17-18 Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading Luke 13:10-17 Rev. McMahan

Message "On the Sabbath" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "There is a Balm in Gilead" #792

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. Amen. This we believe.

Commissioning of Prayer Team

The People's Prayers with Prayers for Wholeness

The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)

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

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion: ***Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, given us balm for our wounds and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	See Screen
*Blessing and Sending		Rev. McMahan
Postlude	“Saved! Saved”	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:

This morning in Worship, and in following first Sundays of the month, those in the congregation who have a special prayer request for healing for themselves or for someone else, or who have any other request close to their hearts, will be invited to come forward at the end of the People’s Prayers. The pastor will offer a specific prayer for these unspoken requests and offer anointing with oil for those who would like to receive it.

If anyone would like a private prayer time, please make arrangements with Pastor Rosemary and she will schedule a mutual time. If you know of someone homebound who would like the Prayer Team (the pastor and another person) to visit, please encourage them to let Rosemary know. It is God who heals, but we are charged with praying for one another.

An audio and written copy of each week’s sermon is available on the website at www.standrewdecatour.org.

Welcome to



***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God’s Love.”***

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Scripture Reading Philip Gilbert: Psalm 71:1-8; 17-18

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of

you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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