

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Living Sacrifice" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord.

All: *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

One: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

All: *Let us be glad and give thanks and remember that God's love endures forever.*

One: The Lord God has done mighty acts for us all so let us rejoice in this day that God has made for us.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Come Thou Almighty King" #2
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: God makes us new by water and the Spirit...

Prayer of Confession:

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: *I do.*

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: *I do.*

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: *I will, with God's help.*

Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" V. 1 #462

Declaration of Forgiveness: Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: *We do remember. Amen.*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Song of Fellowship" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 18:1-6 Elder Hydrick

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18 Rev. McMahan

Message "Potter and Poet" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "Change My Heart, O God" #695

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith:

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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.*

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

Offertory "My Jesus I Love Thee" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "Go My Children, With My Blessing" #547

*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.

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:

Individual prayers for Healing and Wholeness are available after church and on Wednesdays by appointment. Please contact Pastor Rosemary.

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.

Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading Ceil Hydrick: Jeremiah 18:1-6

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them--they are more than the sand; I come to the end--I am still with you.