

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 29, 2019

Elder Greg Vogel, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Minute for Mission (Peace & Global Witness Offering, Oct. 2)

Barb Mouton

Call to Worship:

One: Now is the moment of grace and the hour of blessing.

All: *Today is the day of salvation, and here is the path to new life.*

One: Already joy is abounding and Christ's love is flowing.

All: *For this is the day God is making.*

One: Let us rejoice and sing.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #4
 Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: Let us come before the Lord in humility but also with the assurance that when we are truly repentant, God truly forgives.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "Hear the Good News of Salvation" V. 1 #441

Declaration of Forgiveness: Friends, the law would condemn us, but Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem us. Hear the Good News and believe it: You are forgiven!

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri

Anthem "As a Little Child"

#581

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 6:6-19

Elder Vogel

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Rev. McMahan

Message

"Too Late for Abraham"

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

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We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith: *from the Scriptures*

We believe —

*that we are the light of the world,
that we should let our light shine before others,
that our love should be genuine,
that we should hate what is evil,
that we should love what is good,
that we should be guided by the Spirit,
that we should not be conceited or envy one another,
that we should clothe ourselves with virtue and
that we are called to live godly lives.*

*We believe in God the Father who calls us;
we believe in God the Son who died for us; and
we believe in God the Holy Spirit who empowers us.
This we believe.*

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

Offertory

"Give Thanks"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending

"Love Lifted Me"

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*Blessing and Sending

Rev. McMahan

Postlude

"Oh, How I Love Jesus!"

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.

Please note two upcoming speaker events. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, Marsha Farrell will speak about "Brain Health: Use It or Lose It." This interactive class will include interventions for improving our brain health. On Oct. 9, Pam Frazier will lead "Beautiful-Successful Aging," sharing how proper nourishment of body, mind and spirit can give us a glow that shows on the outside and leads to successful aging.

These talks are a good time to invite a friend to join you as St. Andrew. 6-7 PM. If you need a ride, please contact the church office and we will provide you with one.

Pastor Rosemary

Scripture for this Wednesday's study: Philippians 2:5-18 "The Mind of the Messiah"

Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:

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

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." Jer. 17:14.

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

Welcome to



***"Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God's Love."***

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Scripture Reading Greg Vogel: I Tim. 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good

foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet
Text: Amy Grant, based on Psalm 119:105
Music by Michael W. Smith
CCLI 14301

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 2:

I will not forget, your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side,
I will love you to the end.

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Love Lifted Me
Text: James Rowe
Music: Howard E. Smith
One-License 16507

Verse 1:

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.

Chorus:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Verse 2:

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.

Chorus:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Verse 3:

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—Be saved today.

Chorus:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.