

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Make Me Like You”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Come, gather together 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 welcome and loved and cherished.

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

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: The Apostle John writes that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it” (John 1:5). Let us ask the Lord to shine His light into the dark places of our hearts, thoughts, and actions.

Confession: Holy God, we confess that we often have betrayed the Good News by turning inward, serving ourselves first. We have not taken up our cross and we have been too quick to build up worldly possessions for ourselves. Forgive us when we have failed to reveal Christ to the world. Forgive us for those times we have not lived into Christ’s example, when we have failed to serve those in need before serving ourselves. Draw us back to the way of Christ so that our light may shine as His. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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Declaration of Forgiveness: God is the Creator who calls forth light out of darkness. God is the One who restores the earth after the flood. God is the One who makes all things new. You are made new in Christ.

All: In thanksgiving, we will share the Good News of God’s love, forgiveness, healing and restoration. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri

#581

Anthem

“Amazing Savior”

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. McMahan

Message

“The Questions Jesus Asks”

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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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.

Prayers of the people with Prayers for Wholeness

Offertory

“I Love Thee”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending

“Victory in Jesus”

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*Blessing and Sending

Rev. McMahan

Postlude

“The Trees of the Field”

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.

From Pastor Rosemary:

It is not too late to join the Wednesday Night Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. We will be returning to that letter this coming Wed, Oct. 16, with verses in chapter 2:19-30, which concern the relationship between Timothy, Epaphroditus, and Paul. While we are called to serve others as disciples of Christ, we are not called to do so alone. Relationship-building is essential to the gospels, especially in carrying out the call of Jesus to build God's kingdom. Thank God for the people with whom you have served and still do serve, and consider how next Sunday's celebration, the Mortgage Burning, could never have happened without community.

Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:

This morning in worship and each first Sunday of the month, those in the congregation who have a special prayer request for healing for themselves or others, are invited to come forward at the end of the People's Prayers. The pastor will offer a special prayer and offer anointing with oil for those who would like to receive it.

If anyone would like a private prayer time, please contact Pastor Rosemary. It is God who heals, but we are charged with praying for one another.

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.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: 2 Tim. 3:14 - 4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for

people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard
Music: George C. Stebbins
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Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power – all power surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Victory In Jesus

Text & Music by Eugene M. Bartlett, Sr.
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V. 1

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.
I heard about His groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Chorus:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

V. 2

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.

Chorus:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

Victory in Jesus continued.

V. 3

I heard about a mansion, He has built for me glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Chorus:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.