

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

Introit

"Amazing Grace"

Jim MacRae, Bagpipes

Procession of the Beadle, Bagpiper, Choir, Liturgist and Minister

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

One: There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

One: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: One God and Father of all.

One: Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

All: And blessed be God

who guides and confirms us in our faith.

Amen. Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship

"Faith of our Fathers"

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Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Litany of Thanks and Confession

One: As we celebrate the Reformation, let us also pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ. For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For us, when we promote division above our Oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God's will for us,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the Church to continually renew itself,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all.

All: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

"Holy Is the Lord"

Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination (by John Calvin)

Scripture Reading

Philippians. 2:1-5; 14-16

Elder Gates

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Rev. McMahan

Message

"Always Reforming"

Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

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We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith: *adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox's 1560 Liturgy*

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offertory "Scottish Medley" Jim MacRae, Bagpipes
*Doxology #606
*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #275
*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan
Recessional "Highland Cathedral" Jim MacRae, Bagpipes
Postlude "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold italic type indicates our shared response.

To Our Visitors & Guests:

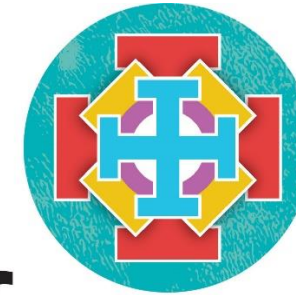
Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

From Pastor Rosemary: During the Stewardship Season, you are invited to pray with each other for the spirit of generosity and gratitude in "faith-giving" at St. Andrew as you prayerfully discern what God is inviting you to give to support the ministry and mission of this congregation.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"
Philippians 4:19.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

Study of Philippians for Nov. 3: Phil. 3:17-4:9 "Citizens of Heaven"



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

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Scripture Reading Nellie Gates: Philippians. 2:1-5; 14-16

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

Faith of our fathers living still.

In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,

O how our hearts beat high with joy,

Whene'er we hear that glorious word:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee will death.

Faith of our fathers God's great power.

Shall win all nations unto thee,

And thro' the truth that comes from God,

Mankind shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee will death.

Faith of our fathers we will love.

Both friend and foe in all our strife;

And preach thee too as love knows how,

By kindly words and virtuous life:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee will death.