

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Turner Matthews, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "His Cleansing Blood" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Who is it that you seek?

**All: We seek the Lord our God.**

One: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

**All: Yes, with all our hearts.**

One: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

**All: Yes, with all our souls.**

One: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

**All: Yes, with all our minds.**

One: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

**All: Yes, with all our strength.**

One: To whom shall we go, then?

**All: Our Lord has the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that Christ is the Holy One of God.**

One: Let us give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" #385  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession: No matter who we are, if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

***Prayer of Confession: Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts and by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior. Amen.*** (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "Lord, Prepare Me" #701

Declaration of Forgiveness: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. We can rejoice in this promise.

**All: We thank our God!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Christ We Do All Adore You" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 98 Elder Matthews

Scripture Reading Luke 20:27-38 Rev. McMahan

Message "Easter in November" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" #722

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith:

***We believe in God, who created our world and every living thing in it. Because all people in all places are God's children, we believe they have the right to be treated with dignity. We believe in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to save us from our sins. We understand and believe that the power of his redeeming grace is available to all who seek it. As recipients of that grace, we also believe we are called to live out and share the good news of the gospel. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to make all things new through God's grace and love. As we are forgiven, so must we forgive others. We believe in the Triune God, who continues to create, wash us clean in the baptismal water, and inspire and empower us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. This we believe. Amen.***

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors) Elder Matthews

Presentation of Pledges

Offertory "Softly and Tenderly" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "Lord of All Hopefulness" #683

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "The Trees of the Field" 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: Stewardship Sunday, 2019**

From Isaiah 43: *Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? . . . I will give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."*

This morning, if you have not yet returned your pledge card, you are invited to offer it with the cards of others as a sign of communal thanksgiving and praise to God and trust in God's providence. The Session thanks everyone who has returned or is returning a card as it plans for the financial stewardship of St. Andrew in 2020. Prayerful financial giving is our response to the God who has given us everything and who knows the future of this very congregation. 2020 will offer many opportunities for doing new things, as well as sharing time, talent, and money as St. Andrew moves into the next chapter of its life as the church over which **Jesus Christ** is head and for which God has a plan. May God bless you all as you continue to bless others.

**Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:**

Individual prayers for Healing and Wholeness are available after church on the first Sunday each month and 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.standrewdecatour.org](http://www.standrewdecatour.org).



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

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**Scripture Reading Turner Matthews: Psalm 98**

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are

considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."