

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest."

All: All of us know what it is like to be weary. All of us carry heavy burdens.

One: Let us accept Christ's invitation.

All: We long to rest in God, so let us worship God and find our rest!

*Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, and guide our feet back to your way. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Hear the Good News of Salvation" Vs. 2

#441

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God upholds all who are falling and raises up those who are bowed down.

All: Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ceil Hydrick

Scripture Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

Ceil Hydrick

Anthem

"In the Valley Flows a River"

Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"You're the Worst"

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

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We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

"How Marvelous! How Wonderful!"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., July 10 6:00 PM PEO
Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen
Wed., July 12 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 CONNECT: Movie Night
Wed., July 19 2:00 PM Session Meeting

To Our 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 our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

Flowers were placed in the sanctuary today by Barb Mouton in honor of Addi Zeiher's birthday.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecaturn.org



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Scripture Reading: Ceil Hydrick: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor

drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."