

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission:

Barb Wyle

Call to Worship:

One: O give thanks to the Lord!

**All: Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!**

One: Remember all the things God has done!

**All: We glory in God's holy name!**

One: Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

**All: we come to be in God's presence. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips, we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, or no exceptions.

**All: We are saved, we are forgiven, and we are freed! Hallelujah!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Linda Grissom

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Elder Linda Grissom

Anthem

“On Eagle's Wings”

Amelia Adams

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“You're Gonna Need A Bigger Boat”

Rev. Brogdon

\*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

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## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: From A Declaration of Faith

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us**

**lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world.**

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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\*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

\*Postlude

“What a Mighty God We Serve”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar of Events:**

Monday, Aug. 14 HAD Lunch  
Wednesday, Aug. 16 4:00 PM Finance Committee  
Monday, Aug. 21 9:00 AM Color Group  
Wednesday, Aug. 23 4:30 PM Choir

**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.



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## **Scripture Reading, Elder Linda Grissom: Romans 10:5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."