

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Perfect Peace for our World"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Let us come to learn.

All: Let us come to witness.

One: Let us come to change.

All: Let us come to repent.

One: Let us come to love.

All: Let us come to worship.

*Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of the law and prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us, and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#547,v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 10:17-22

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Brogdon

Presentation

Efi Latsoudi,

International Peacemaker

*Hymn

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

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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

"To Be God's People"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"This is My Song"

#340

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

"Send the Light"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

- Today There will be a coffee meet and greet after the service.
Mon., Oct. 9 HAD Lunch, New England Boiled Dinner, sing-up on the bulletin board to bring cornbread, fruit, or dessert.
Wed., Oct. 11 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT-Bible Study with Rev. Tripp
Wed., Oct. 18 4:00PM Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 PM Church Cookout, sign-up on bulletin board.

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.

Today we welcome Efi Latsoudi, the NAP Peacemaking Task Force's 30th International Peacemaker. She is one of the founders of Lesvos Solidarity, in Greece, which is focused on a strong advocacy presence for the rights of refugees, runs housing, educational, employability, psychosocial and medical programs. She is a filmmaker who has created short documentaries and films and written scripts for fiction films. She holds degrees from the University of Athens, School of Philosophy, the University of Picardi-Jules Vernes in Maitrise de Psychologie Clinic, and the University of Paris. She has also received numerous awards for her work with refugees and her "commitment to maintaining peaceful coexistence."

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Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Deuteronomy 10:17-22

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 25:31-46 - The

Message

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.’

“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and

come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

“Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

“Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

“He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

“Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”