

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

All: We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.

One: May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks", refrain

#240

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Ceil Hydrick

Scripture Reading

Psalms 22:25-31 - CEB

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Anthem

"I Am the Vine"

Choir

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"A Gift and a Task"

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Prayers of the People

One: By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"
(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

#300

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“At the Cross”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Thurs., May 2	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Tues., May 7	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Meeting in the Fellowship Hall Lesson: “People Encounter Jesus...”, Acts 9:36-43 Leader: D. Ann Norris
Wed., May 8	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM BINGO Night
Sun., May 12	Mother’s Day
Mon., May 13	HAD Lunch, sign up to bring rolls, cornbread or dessert

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.

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



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Scripture Reading, Elder Ceil Hydrick: Psalm 22:25-31 - CEB

I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God. Let all those who are suffering eat and be full! Let all who seek the Lord praise him! I pray your hearts live forever! Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the Lord; every family among all the nations will worship you. Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord, he rules all nations.

Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him; my being also lives for him.

Future descendants will serve him; generations to come will be told about my Lord.

They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.