

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Don Koza, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Minutes for Mission

Barbara Allen, Birthday Offering
John Jordan, Pentecost Offering

Call to Worship:

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

All: Sing of God’s great faithfulness and steadfast love to all.

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises!

All: Rejoice in the presence of God, who reigns with equity and justice. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King” v.1,4,5,6

#15

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”, refrain

#240

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

**All: If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!
Thanks be to God!**

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Don Koza

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

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Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#465

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Friends in High Places”

Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God’s Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“In This Very Room”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“In Remembrance of Me”

Choir

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Wondrous and merciful God, we thank and praise you because we did not choose you but you chose us.

One: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: God of joys and surprises...

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues prayer.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #761

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

Postlude "At Calvary" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

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

Sun., May 12 Mother's Day
Graduates Sunday

Mon., May 13 HAD Lunch, sign up to bring cornbread, rolls or dessert

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, Don Koza: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Scripture Reading, Rev Brogdon: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you

whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."