St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor July 14, 2024

Harold Culbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "We Are Called to Be God's People"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal, to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free,

One: to tell one another and the world:

All: God's presence is at hand. Let us worship God!

*Hymn "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" v.1

#438

#305

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to

life with him. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word						
Prayer for Illumination	1	Harold Culbert				
Scripture Reading	James 1:2-6a, 16-18	Harold Culbert				
Anthem	"Peace Like a River"	Choir				
Scripture Reading	Genesis 15:1-7	Rev. Tripp Brogdon				
Sermon	"Where Do We Go From Here?"	Rev. Tripp Brogdon				
*Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation"	#321				
	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 "Bind Us Together/Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World					
*Hymn	"Go to the World"	#295			
*Benediction		Rev. Tripp Brogdon			

*Postlude "The Family of God"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., July 14 Visioning lunch following worship Tues., July 16 1:30 PM Member Care Meeting

Wed., July 17 2:00 PM Session Meeting Thurs., July 18 1:00 PM Caring Hands

Wed., July 24 4:30 PM Choir

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.

<u>Children's activity bags</u> 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.standrewdecatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Harold Culbert James: 1:2-6a, 16-18

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Tripp Brogden: Genesis 15.1-7

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."