

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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

October 6, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We gather from the west to the east,

**All: from the south to the north,**

One: to celebrate the God of peace,

**All: who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

One: This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

**All: We praise God's name! Amen!**

\*Hymn

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

#401

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity, and we have used those to trick and manipulate each other. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this, we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” v.3

#442

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God has accepted us because of our faith in Christ, through whom our sins are forgiven.

**All: May he help us to continue to sow seeds of peace to those who are near and far.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Grissom

Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-13 – The Message

Linda Grissom

\*Hymn

“I Come With Joy”

#515

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Made For Each Other”

Rev. Brogdon

## We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

One: ... joining our voices to the whole company of heaven:

**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: Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child...

One: ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to the world. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

<b>We Are Sent Into the World</b>
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*Hymn	"This is My Song"	#340
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	"You Shall Go Out with Joy"	Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar:**

Wed., Oct. 9	4:30 PM Choir
	5:30 PM CONNECT with Nellie Gates
Mon., Oct. 14	HAD Lunch, sign-up to bring dessert or serve

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](http://www.standrewdecatour.org).



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## **Scripture Reading, Linda Grissom: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-13**

### **The Message**

Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son. By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—powerful words! After he finished the sacrifice for sins, the Son took his honored place high in the heavens right alongside God, far higher than any angel in rank and rule. Did God ever say to an angel, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you" or "I'm his Father, he's my Son"? When he presents his honored Son to the world, he says, "All angels must worship him." God didn't put angels in charge of this business of salvation that we're dealing with here. It says in Scripture, "What is man and woman that you bother with them; why take a second look their way? You made them not quite as high as angels, bright with Eden's dawn light; Then you put them in charge of your entire handcrafted world." When God put them in charge of everything, nothing was excluded. But we don't see it yet, don't see everything under human jurisdiction. What we do see is Jesus, made "not quite as high as angels," and then, through the experience of death, crowned so much higher than any angel, with a glory "bright with Eden's dawn light." In that death, by God's grace, he fully experienced death in every person's place. It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as

he leads all these people to glory. Since the One who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn't hesitate to treat them as family, saying, "I'll tell my good friends, my brothers and sisters, all I know about you; I'll join them in worship and praise to you." Again, he puts himself in the same family circle when he says, "Even I live by placing my trust in God." And yet again, "I'm here with the children God gave me."

## **Scripture Reading, Rev Brogdon: Genesis 2:18-24**

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.