

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder D. Ann Norris, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"The Lord Has Risen!"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Call to Worship: Psalm 150

One: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

All: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

One: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

All: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

One: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*Hymn

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"We Are Forgiven"

#447

Assurance of Pardon

One: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God's love is stronger still. This is good news!

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

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder D. Ann Norris

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

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Choir Anthem "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/I Love to Tell the Story" Choir

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

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Sermon

"Saying the Quiet Part Out Loud"

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*Hymn

"The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: From the *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

"The Old Rugged Cross/In the Cross I Glory"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#245

*Benediction

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude

"Victory in Jesus"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., April 30	4:30 PM Choir
Thurs., May 1	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Tues., May 6	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting in the fellowship hall. Lesson: "Sustaining Creation's Health for All" Leader: D. Ann Norris

Guests

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you 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.standrewdecalur.org



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Scripture Reading, D. Ann Norris: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put

my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.