

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

May 18, 2025

Don Koza, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"We Are One in the Bond of Love"

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!

All: Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!

One: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!

One: Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth, praise the Lord!

All: Old and young together; all people praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

*Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#14

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"We Are Forgiven"

#447

Assurance of Pardon

One: Believe the good news: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading

Sermon

*Hymn

Revelation 21:1-6

"Create in Me a Clean Heart

John 13:31-35

"Yeah, Yeah..."

"To God Be the Glory"

#634

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

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

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

"Let Others See Jesus in You"

#606

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

"We Are One in the Spirit"

"(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)"

"Blessed Be the Name"

#300

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., May 21	2:00 PM Session Meeting
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day, Church office is closed.
Wed., May 28	4:30 PM Choir
	5:30 PM Church Picnic

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.



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Scripture Reading, Don Koza: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."