

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

May 10, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"I Give All to You"

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: Because of God's love for us, God's compassions are new every morning.

**All: Great is the gift of God's faithfulness!**

One: Because of God's love for us, we are renewed day by day.

**All: Great is the gift of new life!**

One: Let us worship the God of compassion, renewal and love!

\*Hymn

"Come, Labor On"

#719

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

***Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned in the ways we think and speak. Doubt creeps into our thoughts and clouds our judgment. We forget that you, O God, are always at work within us. Help us to recognize our failings and strengthen us through the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)***

Hymn of Response

"Be Not Afraid"

#243

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news! If we put our faith and trust in God, we can be confident of God's gracious compassion and forgiveness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Choir Anthem

"Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:19-28

Sermon

"Labor Pains"

\*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

## 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/Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary were placed by Donald and Jan Foster.*

**Calendar of Events:**

Today	PW Birthday Offering
Mon., May 11	HAD Lunch
Tues., May 12	11:00 AM Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., May 13	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT w/John Shull
Sun., May 17	PW Luncheon & Graduation Reception

*Rev. Judy Mitchell Rich is an ordained Presbyterian Church USA pastor who is a graduate of McCormick Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. She has pastored churches in Michigan, Kansas, and Ohio, and also served on the staff of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. She presently lives in Athens, Alabama.*

*Her favorite activities include writing , reading mysteries, playing with clay, enjoying outdoor walks, and being with her friends and family. Rev. Rich is the author of several books, the first, "Like Sheep", was published in 2012. A few of her other books are "Like a Fox", "Like a Fig Tree", and "Like Stones". Our church library has copies available to check out.*

*Welcome back and thank you for coming!*

**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, Cerese Sweeley: Ezekiel 36:22-28**

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Rich: Romans 8:19-28**

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.