

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

July 12, 2026
Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR WORSHIP

Linda Grissom

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

All: God's Word lights the way for us.

One: God has promised to abide with us.

All: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

One: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

All: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

* GATHERING HYMN #104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know." "We didn't mean to." "We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen. (Silent Confession)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Verse 1

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* GLORIA PATRI

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

CHOIR ANTHEM

God's Gifts

ARR. BY BENJAMIN HARLAN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

"Why? Why? Why?"

* HYMN #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory

* Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

* Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW!

Whether you are a first-time guest, a long-time member, or somewhere in between, know that you are welcome in this place. We are so glad you are here, and we hope that your time in worship this morning draws you closer to God and to God's people. Our journeys of faith are not just lived on Sunday mornings, so we invite you to also join us in the fellowship and ministry of our congregation. Rev. Tripp is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email (tripp@standrewdecatour.org), or by phone. There is a place for you here!

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Monday, July 13

Providing lunch for HAD

Thursday, July 16

1:00 PM – Caring Hands

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Each month moving forward, we will highlight a particular portion of our Presbyterian worship to explain what it is and why we do it. We begin with an overview of worship and our Service for the Lord's Day.

Worship is at the very heart of the church's life. All that the church is and does is rooted in its worship. The community of faith, gathered in response to God's call, is formed in its worship. Worship is the principal influence that shapes our faith, and is the most visible way we express the faith. In worship, through Word and Sacrament, the church is sustained by the presence of Christ and empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit. Joined in worship to the One who is the source of its life, the church is equipped to serve God in the world.

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. The Lord's Day is also called the "eighth day" of creation, a sign of the new creation that has begun with Christ's resurrection. While we may worship God on any day and at any time, the Sunday service in particular is a celebration of Christ's resurrection and an anticipation of the fullness of God's coming reign.





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Scripture Reading, Bob Naumann: Isaiah 55:10-13

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"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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