

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 20, 2026
Elder John Jordan, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Lead Us, O God

JEFF GILBREATH

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

All: Declare his glory among the nations.

One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

* GATHERING HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often close our hearts to the needs of our neighbors and our world, and we hoard our money and possessions. We are quick to judge, swift to anger, and stingy with our grace toward others. We pray today for a loving heart and a spirit of compassion. Amen.
(Silent Confession)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #472

Kum ba Yah

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Verse 1

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God hears our prayers and opens our hearts to show love, compassion, and justice to our neighbors.

Through God's love and grace, we are forgiven.

All: 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

Psalm 145:1-8

CHOIR ANTHEM

My Savior and My God

ARR. BY JAY ALTHOUSE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

"The 'Unfair' Landlord"

* HYMN #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

Surely Goodness and Mercy

JEFF GILBREATH

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Amen.*

* Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

I Will Call Upon the Lord

JEFF GILBREATH

* 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@standrewdecaturn.org), or by phone. There is a place for you here!

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Sunday, September 27th

Final day to collect candy for West Decatur Elementary School

Monday, September 28th

10:00 AM NAP "We Need to Talk" event

** The flowers in the sanctuary today were placed by Faye Anderson.*

We are pleased to have Rev. Rosemary McMahan leading us in worship this morning. She is a retired member of the North Alabama Presbytery where she served Big Cove Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, for 13 years as solo pastor and then First Presbyterian, Huntsville, and here at St. Andrew as interim/transitional pastor. She lives in Huntsville with her husband, Dennis. They both enjoy hiking, traveling, and visiting their children in Chicago and Boston. Welcome!

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: GATHERING

Preparing for Worship

Worship begins as the people gather — greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

Opening Sentences

A call to worship, typically drawn from sentences of scripture, expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place. A greeting in the name of Jesus Christ or the triune God establishes the context for worship as an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.

Gathering Prayer

A prayer may be offered, giving thanks and praise to God, expressing joy in the presence of Christ, and calling for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out upon the gathered community. This prayer may employ themes and images that are drawn from the biblical readings for the day or from the setting in the Christian year.



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Scripture Reading, John Jordan: Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Rosemary McMahan: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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