

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 27, 2026
Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Praise God in His Sanctuary

JEFF GILBREATH

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Teresa Culbert, World Communion Offering

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this service looking to Jesus, who is the Christ.

All: We rejoice that while he was equal with God, he did not cling to that equality for his own gain.

One: He had the humble nature of one who serves his fellow women and men.

All: Jesus gave up all he possessed, including opportunities for worldly grandeur.

One: He walked the path of obedience with humility all the way to death, death on a cross.

All: The cross was not the end for Jesus. God raised him from death.

One: The name of Jesus is honored and glorified and always will be.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* GATHERING HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God. Humble us that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope. 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: This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven. You are made new!

All: We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, and hope with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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

Philippians 2:1-13

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Prayer of Need

ARR. BY PENNY RODRIGUEZ

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

"The Courage to Change Our Minds"

* HYMN #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2

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

One: God of compassion,

All: hear our prayer.

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

My Tribute

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 #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Great Is 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@standrewdecatur.org), or by phone. There is a place for you here!

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Monday, September 28th

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

Thursday, October 1st

1:00 PM Caring Hands

Sunday, October 4th

World Communion Offering

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, Ceil Hyrdick: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he

changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.