

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

October 4, 2026
Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

How Beautiful (Communion Song)

ARR. BY LLOYD LARSON

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God planted a vineyard on a fertile hill,

All: cleared it of stones, and chose the best vines.

One: God built a watchtower to guard it,

All: and waited for the harvest.

One: Today the vineyard bears fruit on every continent

All: in hundreds of languages, at thousands of tables.

One: There is one vine. One harvest. One loaf broken for the world.

All: Let us worship the God who tends the vineyard still!

* GATHERING HYMN #409

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ, 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

* HYMN #498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

"The Cup of the New Covenant"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

ARR. BY DONALD MOORE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right to give you thanks, holy God, maker of heaven and earth.

One: And so, with your people in every place and time, with believers gathering today around the world, at tables plain and tables rich, and in languages we will never learn, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (Glory to God #552)

One: Holy is your own beloved Son, whom you sent into the vineyard, trusting that we would honor him.

One: Remembering his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (Glory to God #553)

Rev. Brogdon continues.

All: Amen, amen, amen. (Glory to God #554)

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have set your table in the wilderness and fed us with more than bread. You are the one who planted us, watered us, and did not give up on us. Send us now from this table as good fruit for the harvest, patient with those who tend us, generous with those who need us, and grateful, always, for the vine that holds us all together. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN** #515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE** *Make Me a Blessing* 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

Today

World Communion Offering

Tuesday, October 6th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: HYMNS, PSALMS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

For millennia, the people of God have sung psalms as praise and prayer to God. Early Christians continued to sing, pray, and study the psalms, interpreting them in the light of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. To the psalms, the Church has added other hymns, canticles, and spiritual songs. Through the ages and from varied cultures, the Church has developed many other forms of congregational song, accompanied by a great array of instruments. We draw from this rich repertoire in the Service for the Lord's Day, singing glory to God.

In theory, the music we sing during Christian worship proclaims and teaches as convincingly as the sermons the minister preaches. Our collection of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs give voice to the church's core beliefs and theological convictions, not just serving as a means to repeatedly sing only the songs we know well or love.

If you pay attention to the lyrics and theology of the hymns, you will see that often they work together with the scripture and the sermon to enhance our time of worship around a particular theme concerning God each Sunday.



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Scripture Reading, Linda Grissom: Isaiah 5:1-7

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Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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