



ST. ANDREW UCC

Welcome, Worship, Service

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

Worship 10:30 am



Welcome to worship with St. Andrew United Church of Christ.

We treasure our diversity, believing each person enriches us. You are invited to share in our connection to God and to each other as we gather for worship of the One who is worthy of our love and devotion.

- We are an **Open and Affirming** church. We covenant to affirm and welcome visitors, members, and staff of all sexual orientations and gender identities, just as we extend the same loving affirmation and welcome to people of every age, faith, race, ethnicity, sex, nationality, marital status, and physical or mental ability.
- We are a **Just Peace** church. We promote peace with justice (a just peace) as an expression of God's love, and we support peaceful opposition to intolerance, injustice, discrimination, violence, and war.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE Here Is Love Bonnie Wolfgram, Monica MacMichael
- Robert Lowry, arr. Molly Ijames

WELCOME Rev. Bill Friederich

OPENING SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21(CEB) Calva Leonard

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Calva Leonard

One: O World, come together in one place,

Many: And suddenly an almighty roar shall sound;

One: The rush of a mighty wind,

Many: A tempest from the mountaintop!

One: O World, Kneel together in one place,

Many: And suddenly a fiery pillar shall rise:

One: The tongue of a fiery spirit,

Many: A flash from heaven's crown!

One: O World, come and kneel together:

All: And the place shall be sacred; the moment, Divine!

HYMN Canticle of the Sun (v. 1-4) *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Calva Leonard

Spirit, we call! And many are the names by which we call you. You are Creator: father and mother. You are Provider: bread and wine. You are Comforter: listening and reassuring. You are Counselor: guide and beacon. You are Helper: talent and will. You are Reconciler: bridge and the first step. You are Presence: host and guest.

Our names for you gush forth as waters from desert springs; they teem as creatures in the sea. Our God who is in heaven, hallowed by our names! Come to us this day, on earth, as in heaven! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Bill

SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10 (CEB) Rev. Bill

SERMON "Peculiar Treasures" Rev. Bill

ANTHEM

Gentle Voice - Susan and Lee Dengler

St. Andrew Choir

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**OFFERTORY MUSIC** Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson, arr. Mark Hayes**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Please write your prayer concerns or celebrations on the blue prayer request forms located in the pew rack and place them in the offering plate.

LORD'S PRAYER *(using these or whatever words are familiar to you)*

Our Father and Mother in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF PEACE

Not everyone is comfortable with physical contact. Please refrain from hugging or touching anyone without consent.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our parent, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my silent vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me!

BENEDICTION

"May the presence of God go before us." (3X)

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
- Geistliche Kirchengesange, arr. Molly Ijames

Today in Worship

We welcome Monica MacMichael to our worship this morning. We are blessed and grateful that she is sharing her musical talents with us.

Luke 19:1-10 (CEB)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

**Not getting our weekly emails?**

If you have not been receiving our weekly emails—the Midweek Update and the Worship Notices—please check your Spam/Junk mailboxes.

Be sure to unblock the office@sarasotaucc.org email by choosing "never block sender" and "never block sender's domain". Some email servers will also have an option to select "this sender is safe".

Please take note of the two (2) emergency exits, located on either side of the Sanctuary. There is also an exit to the left of the choir loft.

The entrance doors in the Gathering Area may be used as emergency exits, as well.

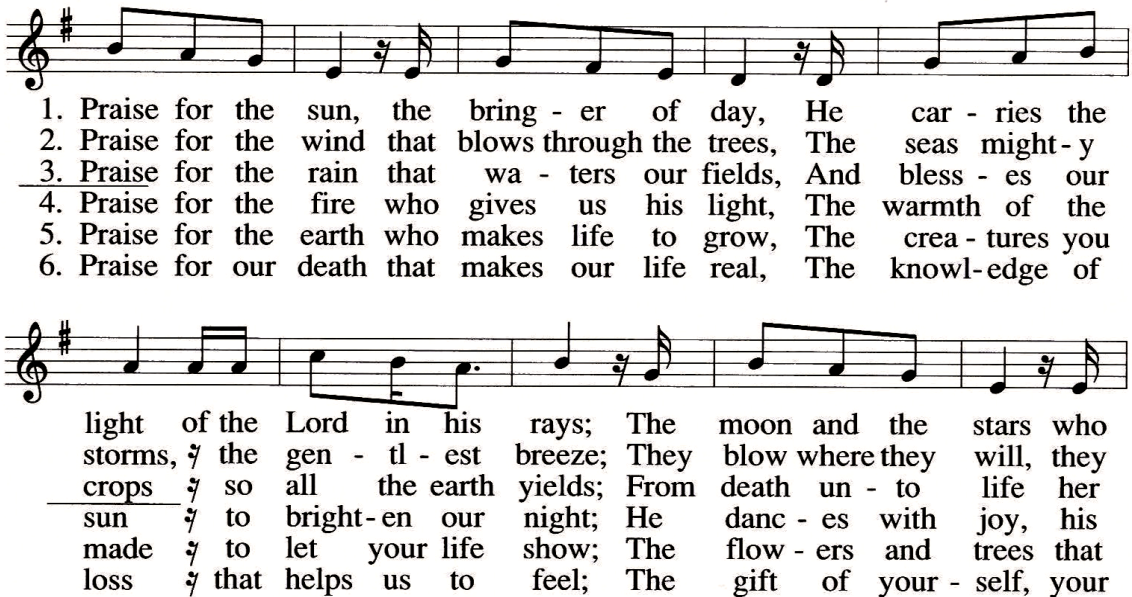
Canticle of the Sun 496

Refrain

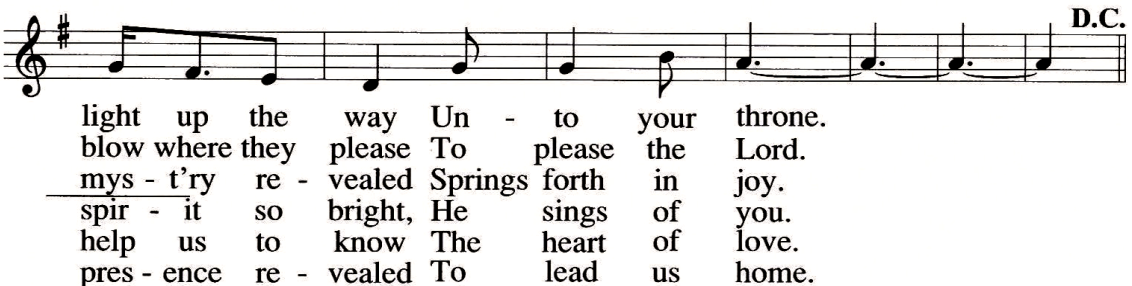


The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and
all cre - a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the
for - est, come, play in the field, and sing,
sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl-edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun to bright-en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Announcements

Visitors Welcome! We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. We already feel you are part of our family, and we invite you to continue to get to know St. Andrew by joining us at Fellowship Brunch after worship. Please take a moment to sign the Guest Book in the Gathering Area, and feel free to take one of the stuffed bears as a welcome gift.

Fellowship Brunch Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Book Study Group Each Thursday 10:00am [Thursday Book Group](#)
Beads and Bears Craft Each Thursday 11:00am Conference Room
Thursday Lunch Break Each Thursday 12:00pm Bring your lunch and join us!

Memorial Day Monday, May 25 Office Closed

Church Council Tuesday, May 26 11:00am
Conference Room and Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82859030988>

Blood Drive Thursday, May 28 9:00-1:00
Look for the bus in the parking lot!

Silver Pride Saturday, June 6 12-4pm **Volunteers Needed**
Sign up at Brunch or in the office.

Mission of the Month: Project 180 If you wish to donate, you may do so in worship, in the office, or on our website. Scan this QR Code to reach our Giving Page, and then scroll down to the monthly mission.



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