



ST. ANDREW UCC

Welcome, Worship, Service

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June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after 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 This is My Father's World Bonnie Wolfgram
- Traditional English Melody, arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-10,16-17(CEB) Bill Hunt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, and be no longer strangers;

Many: Come, let us end our wanderings.

One: Pilgrims, travel no longer alone,

Many: But let us visit hidden places.

One: Come! No matter where you go, you shall always be at home;

Many: For we are the dwelling place of our God!

One: Through all your days, God's cloud shall lead you;

Many: Through all our nights, God's fire shall burn;

All: Young and old, we shall see and know, and all the people shall praise the God!

HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we were far from home. We had squandered our inheritance; we had failed you; not worthy to be called your children. But now, O God, we have returned home. Where would we be but in our Father's house? Where would we learn but at our Mother's knee? Let your Spirit dwell within us, so that when you seek us, you shall find us where you would have us be. AMEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Debra Cottrell

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 14:1-14 (CEB) Rev. Bill Friederich

ANTHEM My Father's Beautiful World (Joseph M. Martin) St. Andrew Choir

SERMON "Life Mirrors Faith, Life Reveals God's Abiding Presence"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC Father, I Adore You (Terrye Coelho)

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

Praise Him! Praise Him!

- Chester Allen, arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

John 14:1-14 (CEB)

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

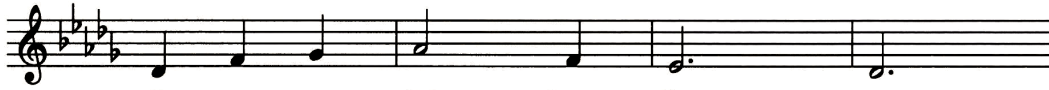
Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path. And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration
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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!

St. Andrew Choir Rehearsal Sunday mornings before the service 9:30-10:15. All are welcome!

Church Council June's meeting has been canceled.

St. Andrew 101 Beginning in August. Sign up with Pastor Bill.

Mission of the Month: Strengthen the Church 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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The entrance doors in the Gathering Area may be used as emergency exits, as well.