



ST. ANDREW UCC

Welcome, Worship, Service

June 28, 2026

5th 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

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer
(Dutch Melody, arr. Cindy Berry)

Bonnie Wolfgram

WELCOME

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-12 (CEB)

Lois Lewis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship the Eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

Many: Let us worship Christ whose Presence is among us.

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the Grace of Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? (v1-4)

Please stand in body or in spirit.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go. We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments, and lofty prayers. We would rather exchange fellowship than touch holiness. Enable us in this time to venture into a depth of worship which can rarely be found in our individual spirituality, but which open slowly before us in shared struggle, pain, and love of the communion of the saints. AMEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debra Cottrell

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:16-22 (CEB)

Rev. Bill Friederich

ANTHEM

Covenant Hymn: Wherever You Go
(Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle)

St. Andrew Choir

SERMON

"The Depth of Relationship, the Power of Connection"

Rev. Bill

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth (Conrad Kocher, arr. Mason Koeritz)

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 to the Lord, the Almighty
(Stralsund Gesangbuch, arr. Lloyd Larson)

Ruth 1:16-22 (CEB)

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you.” When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

So both of them went along until they arrived at Bethlehem. When they arrived at Bethlehem, the whole town was excited on account of them, and the women of the town asked, “Can this be Naomi?”

She replied to them, “Don’t call me Naomi, but call me Mara, for the Almighty has made me very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has returned me empty. Why would you call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has deemed me guilty?”

Thus Naomi returned. And Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, returned with her from the territory of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

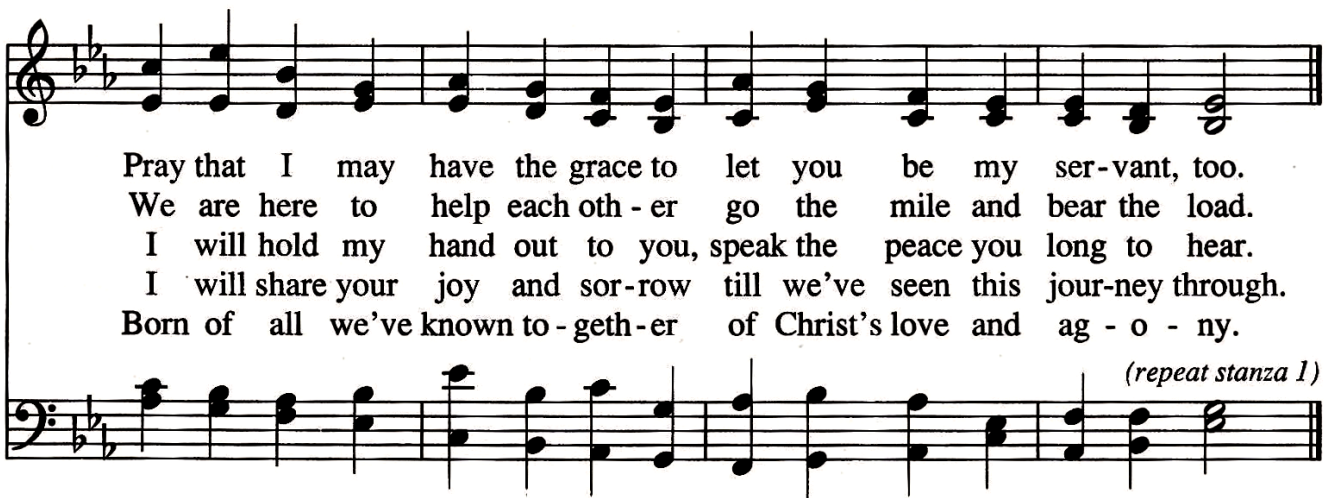
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

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

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

Resumes July 2 10:00am [Thursday Book Group](#)

Beads and Bears Craft

Resumes August 20 11:00am Conference Room

Thursday Lunch Break

Resumes August 20 12:00pm Bring your lunch and join us!

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

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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