



# ST. ANDREW UCC

## Welcome, Worship, Service

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**June 7, 2026**

**Communion Sunday**

**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** You Are My All in All (set to Pachelbel's Canon) Bonnie Wolfgram  
-Dennis Jernigan, arr. Marilyn Ham

**WELCOME** Rev. Bill Friederich

**OPENING SCRIPTURE** Psalm 13 (CEB) Kathy Moon

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Kathy Moon

One: Planted in love by God and nourished by the life-giving vine that is Christ's Presence,

**Many: Our lives in this world can be fruitful.**

One: Fruitfulness is the sign that we are being led by Christ and not another. The vine will bear fruit for its planter.

**Many: But will the branch that we represent be pruned or burned?**

One: It is not our responsibility to be the Source of Life.

**Many: It is our responsibility to be the channel,**

**All: The willing vessel of God's bounty for all peoples.**

**HYMN** Here I Am, Lord (v 1-3) *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Kathy Moon

**Eternal God, mother and father of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship; be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness like a parent, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living. AMEN.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Rev. Bill

**SERMON SCRIPTURE** Matthew 18:10-22 (MSG) Rev. Bill

**ANTHEM** Song of Remembrance (Tom Fettke) St. Andrew Choir

**SERMON** "Let Go! Hang Loose! Give It To God! Offer It Up!" Rev. Bill

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** Father, I Adore You (Terrye Coelho, Maranatha Music)

## 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.**

\*Today's service prayers are from Worship Ways, UCC

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION**

ONE: Creator of all that is, on this Communion Sunday, we enter into worship with words of gratitude.

**MANY: Thank you for the invitation to join with others at this table.**

ONE: Thank you for being our gracious host who welcomes us as we are.

**MANY: Thank you for the nourishment of a living bread that never goes stale.**

ONE: Thank you for the cup of blessing that never drains empty, which quenches the deepest thirsts of our spirits.

**ALL: Thank you for the companionship shared at your table, for the fellowship of faith that makes friends of strangers throughout the earth. For communion with you and with one another, we offer heartfelt thanks. AMEN.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: O God, we would be true. Hear our prayer. As we respond to the good news, grant us a gentle enthusiasm. Forgive us when we lapse into a style of faith that draws attention to ourselves rather than to you. Help us to walk with a spirited humility.**

**As we respond to the good news, grant us increasing reliance upon you. We may commit a few spectacular sins, but we need to discern and acknowledge the less apparent sins that are easier to ignore.**

**Charge our worship with attentiveness, alertness, and awareness. Grant us a sense of grace that we might understand your ways and serve your people. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

ONE: A rigid, unmusical God would be unmoved by our words of confession. How great it is that the one and only God has an ear for music, is free with forgiveness, and is always open to our glad songs of praise. AMEN.

## **COMMUNION PRAYER AND CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

*People are invited to come to the table and take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the elements will be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**                      Just As I Am    (William B. Bradbury, arr. Joel Raney)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Many: Thank you God, for the gift of life and the sacredness of living. Thank you for the holy meal we have shared with you and with each other. 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**

Fugue in D (William Selby )

### **Matthew 18:10-22 (MSG)**

“Watch that you don’t treat a single one of these childlike believers arrogantly. You realize, don’t you, that their personal angels are constantly in touch with my Father in heaven?”

“Look at it this way. If someone has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders off, doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine and go after the one? And if he finds it, doesn’t he make far more over it than over the ninety-nine who stay put? Your Father in heaven feels the same way. He doesn’t want to lose even one of these simple believers.

“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love.

“Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.”

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?”

Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

## **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.

<b>Book Study Group</b>	Each Thursday 10:00am <a href="#">Thursday Book Group</a>
<b>Beads and Bears Craft</b>	Each Thursday 11:00am Conference Room
<b>Thursday Lunch Break</b>	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!

**Ken Erb Celebration of Life** Saturday, June 13 11:00am Reception to follow.

**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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**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.**

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Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981  
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD  
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Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Harmony*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your people in my heart. heart.  
 heart, in my heart.  
 heart, in my heart.