



ST. ANDREW UCC

Welcome, Worship, Service

July 19, 2026

8th 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

Assurance - arr. by John Ness Beck

Bonnie Wolfgram

(Using "Blessed Assurance" by Phoebe Knapp and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach)

WELCOME

Rev. Fred Rhines

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13 (NSRV)

Claudia Meyer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Oh Lord, our God, you know who we are:

ALL: People with good consciences and with bad, persons who are content and those who are discontent, the certain and the uncertain, Christians by conviction and Christians by convention, those who believe, those who half-believe, and those who disbelieve.

One: And you know where we have come from:

ALL: From the circle of relatives, acquaintances, and friends, or from great loneliness, from a life of quiet prosperity, or from manifold confusion and distress, from family relationships that are well ordered, or from those disordered or under stress, from the inner circle of Christian community, or from its outer edge.

One: We are here together to praise you, through letting you speak to us

ALL: We beseech you that this may take place in this hour, in the name of your son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

O for a Closer Bond with God (v 1-3)

Please stand in body or in spirit.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Revealing God, we would see Jesus. Open our eyes now to Christ's living presence as we attend your word in holy scriptures and listen for the voice of Christ speaking to us. Through prayer and praise, let us know that Christ is in our midst and communes with us. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debra Cottrell

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:22-32 (NSRV)

Rev. Fred

SERMON

"Are You Properly Eccentric?"

Rev. Fred

HYMN

We Love Your Realm, O God (v 1-3)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

*Today's service prayers are from Chalice Worship. 1997. (Eds. C.S. Cartwright and O.I.C. Harrison)
Saint Louis, Chalice Press. DOC

OFFERTORY

Inside Your Kingdom (Timothy G. Bushong)

St. Andrew Choir

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

To God Be The Glory (William Howard Doane, arr. Cindy Berry)

Luke 12:22-32 (NRSV)

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

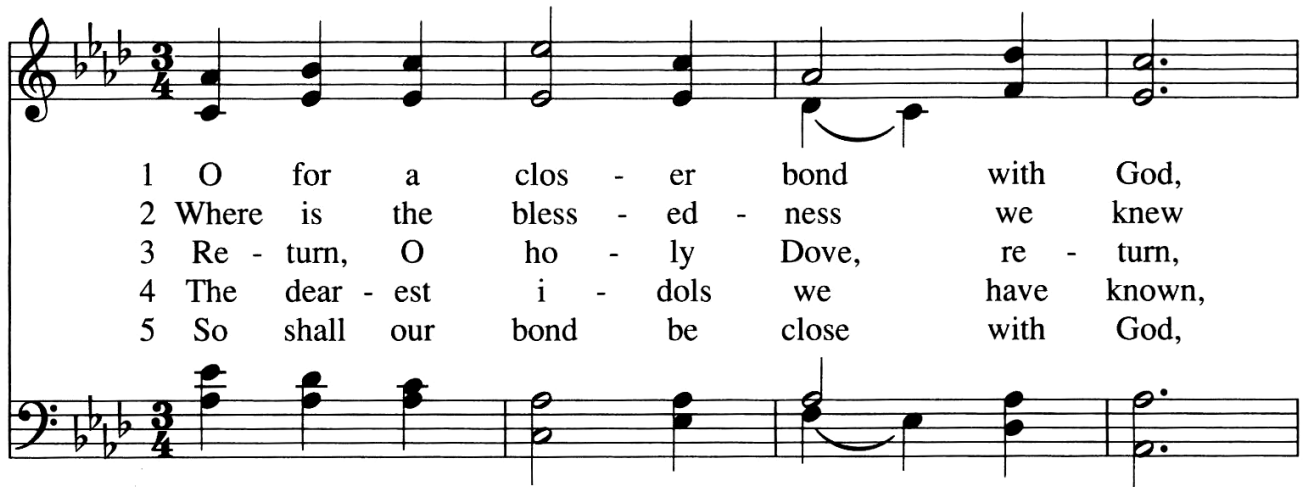
'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

O for a Closer Bond with God

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William Cowper, 1769; alt.

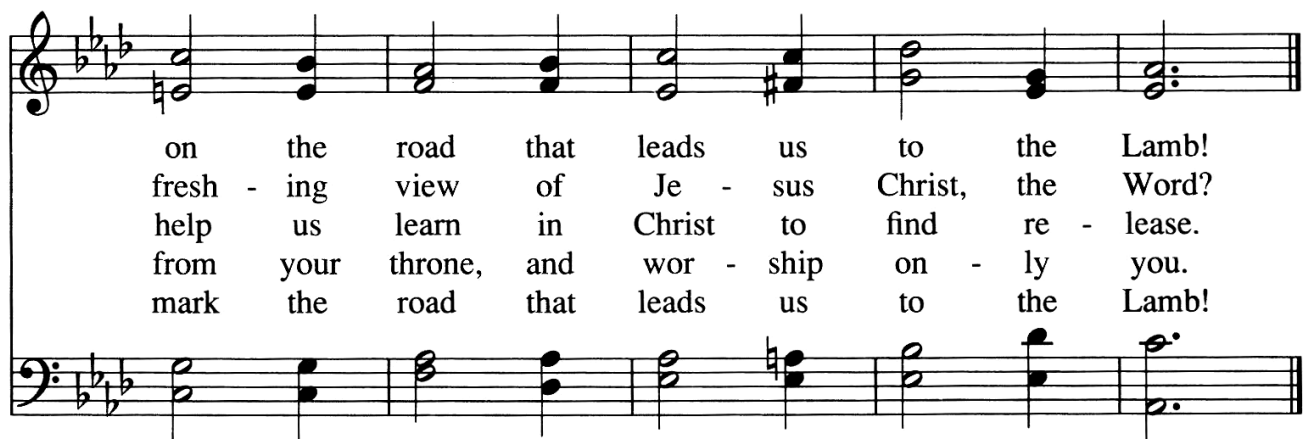
Ps. 119:105; Isa. 30:18-22



1 O for a clos - er bond with God,
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness we knew
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn,
4 The dear - est i - dols we have known,
5 So shall our bond be close with God,



a calm and heav - enly frame, A light to shine up -
when first our hearts were stirred? Where is the soul - re -
sweet mes - sen - ger of peace! For - give our sins and
as we our ways pur - sue; Help us to tear them
calm and se - rene our frame; So pur - er light shall



on the road that leads us to the Lamb!
fresh - ing view of Je - sus Christ, the Word?
help us learn in Christ to find re - lease.
from your throne, and wor - ship on - ly you.
mark the road that leads us to the Lamb!

This hymn was written during the illness of William Cowper's dear friend, Mary Unwin. Cowper wrote poetry and, together with John Newton, published Olney Hymns. John B. Dykes, organist and Church of England priest, wrote many hymn tunes.

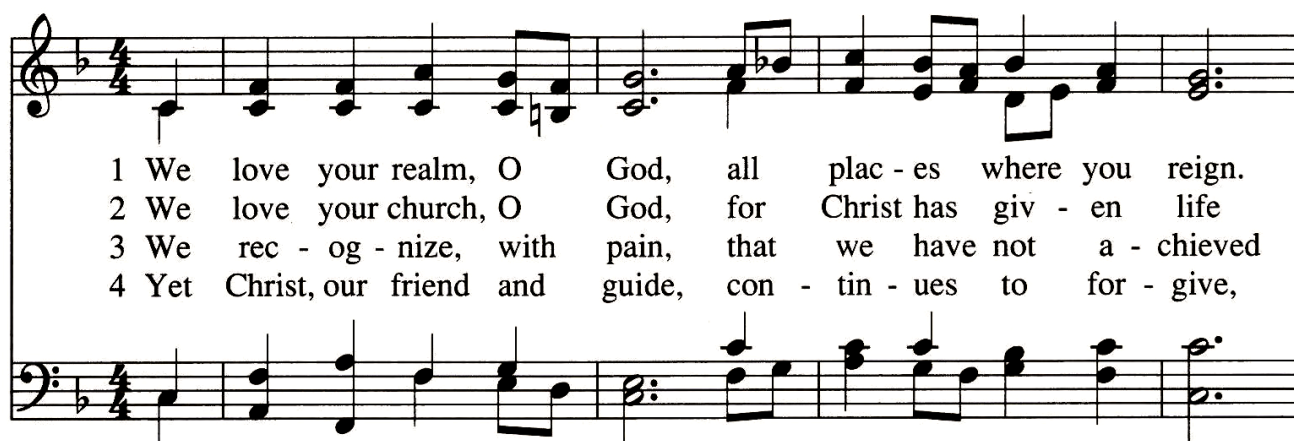
Tune: BEATITUDO C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1875

We Love Your Realm, O God

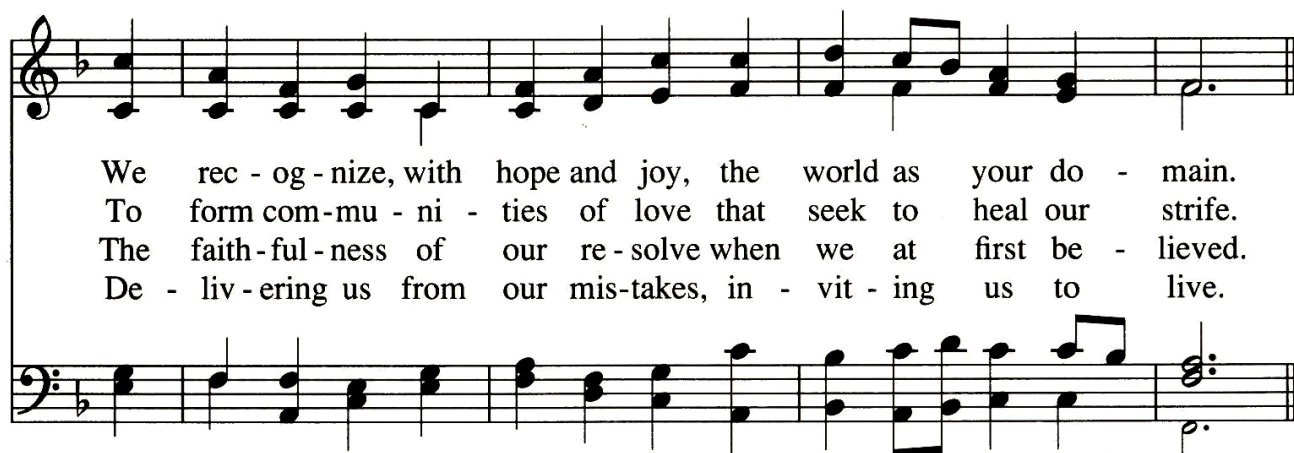
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Timothy Dwight, 1801
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all plac - es where you reign.
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has giv - en life
3 We rec - og - nize, with pain, that we have not a - chieved
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, con - tin - ues to for - give,



We rec - og - nize, with hope and joy, the world as your do - main.
To form com - mu - ni - ties of love that seek to heal our strife.
The faith - ful - ness of our re - solve when we at first be - lieved.
De - liv - ering us from our mis - takes, in - vit - ing us to live.

5 Be - yond our bro - ken - ness,
we seek to know your ways
Of deep com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows,
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.
We trust your reign is sure.
E - quip us for those dai - ly tasks
that help your world en - dure.

This poem by Lavon Bayler, a United Church of Christ minister, was inspired by and modeled after the oldest commonly used American hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom" by Timothy Dwight.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

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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	Each Thursday 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: ALSO Youth 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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