ST. ANDREW UCC
Welcome, Worship, Service

July 26, 2026

9th 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 All the Way My Savior Leads Me Bonnie Wolfgram
(Robert S. Lowry and Duane Funderburk)

WELCOME Rev. Bill Friederich

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 105:1-11 (CEB) Cindy Keene

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O people, approach the Unapproachable; stand radiant in its splendor, and become children of the Light!

Many: Let us love one another, for they who love one another abide in the Light, and do not lose their way.

One: O people, enter into the Eternal; stand radiant in its glory, and become children of the Day!

All: Let us love God, for they who love God dwell in the Light of Day and have no need for night.

HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v1,3,4) *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION
O God you promised to protect those who call on your name; God we know your name! You promised to answer those who call upon you; we call upon you God! You promised to deliver those who love you; God, we love you! Pour out your Spirit, that we might know that you are in our midst, that you are our God and shall not be moved!

AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Debra Cottrell

SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31 (CEB) Rev. Bill

ANTHEM God of Grace St. Andrew Choir
(Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea, arr. Tom Fettke)

SERMON "Choices With Consequences" Rev. Bill

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC Give Thanks (Henry Smith)

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 We Are Marching in the Light of God
(Traditional South African hymn)

Luke 16:19-31 (CEB)

"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

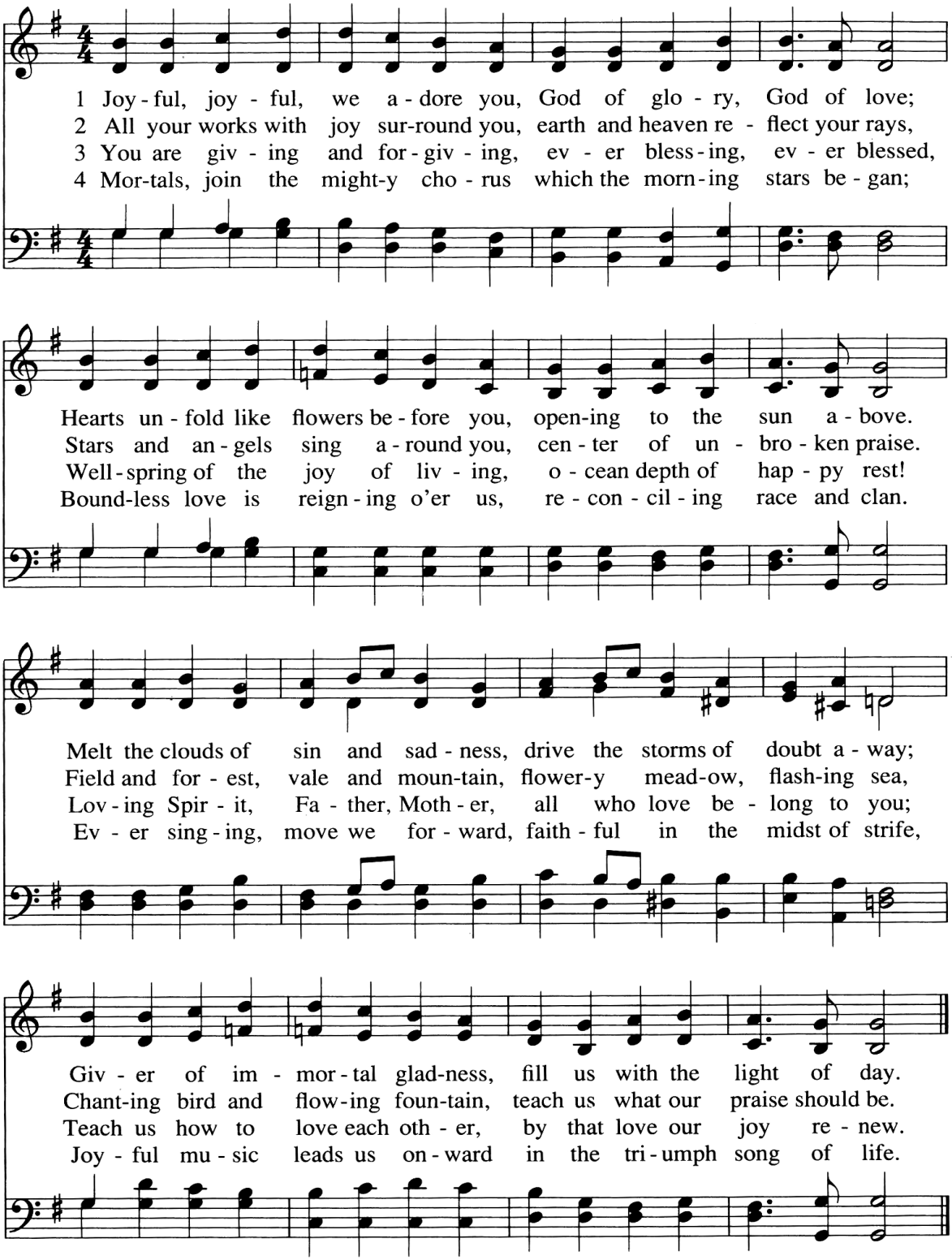
"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

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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	*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 Begins August 30. 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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