ST. ANDREW UCC
Welcome, Worship, Service

August 16, 2026

12th 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 Be Thou My Vision — Bonnie Wolfgram
(Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Lynette Maynard)

WELCOME — Rev. Bill Friederich

OPENING SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-10 (MSG) — Patty Russell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Draw near to God. Come to God's sanctuary with singing.

Many: With a voice of singing, we come to God's house filled with praise.

One: God is here and ready to hear our song.

All: Let us sing, "To God all praise and glory." AMEN.

HYMN Come, Christians Join to Sing *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Covenanting God, we know we are part of your promise to Abraham and his descendants. You are a great God who promises to be faithful generation after generation. Help us to keep the faith and continue the journey. As we listen to your story spoken through music and word, may we be renewed in our own faith. Give us energy to continue your work in this world. Through Christ we pray. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:28-32 (MSG) — Rev. Bill

ANTHEM Walk Worthy — St. Andrew Choir
(J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin)

SERMON "Parable of Reversal" — Rev. Bill

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC Thanks to God for My Redeemer
(Johannes A. Hultman, arr. Jan Sanborn)

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

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 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Mark Hayes)

Matthew 21:28-32

"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

"The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went.

"Which of the two sons did what the father asked?"

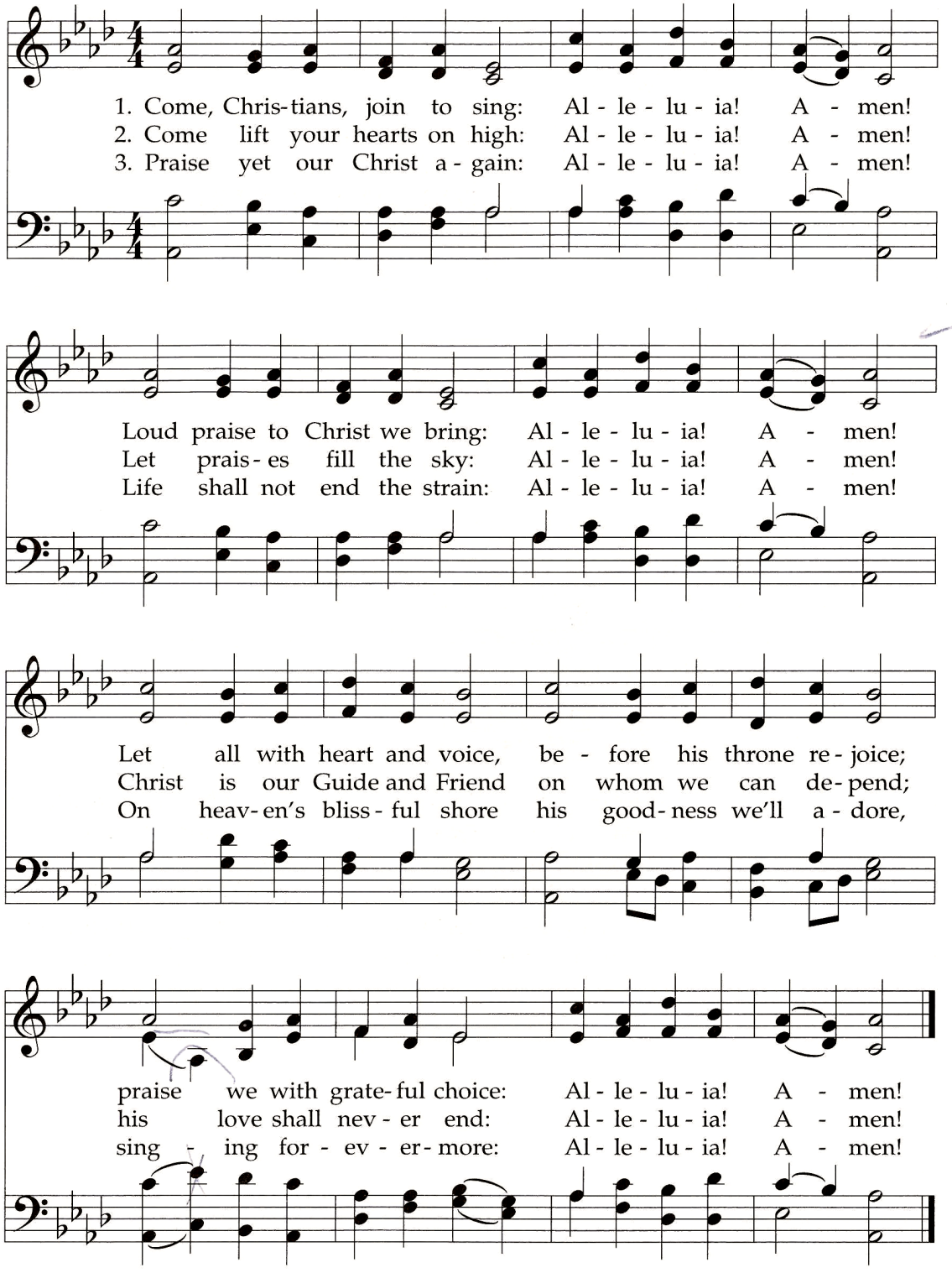
They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him.

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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing 90



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MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. David Evans, 1927

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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.

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

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!
Centering Prayer *Resumes September 3* 1:00pm In the Sanctuary

Church Council Meeting Tuesday, August 25 10:00am In Person and Zoom
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88331250025

St. Andrew 101 Begins August 30. Sign up with Pastor Bill.

Gay Long Celebration of Life September 18 5:00pm Geckos, 5585 Palmer Crossing Cr

Mission of the Month: Annie Fund 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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