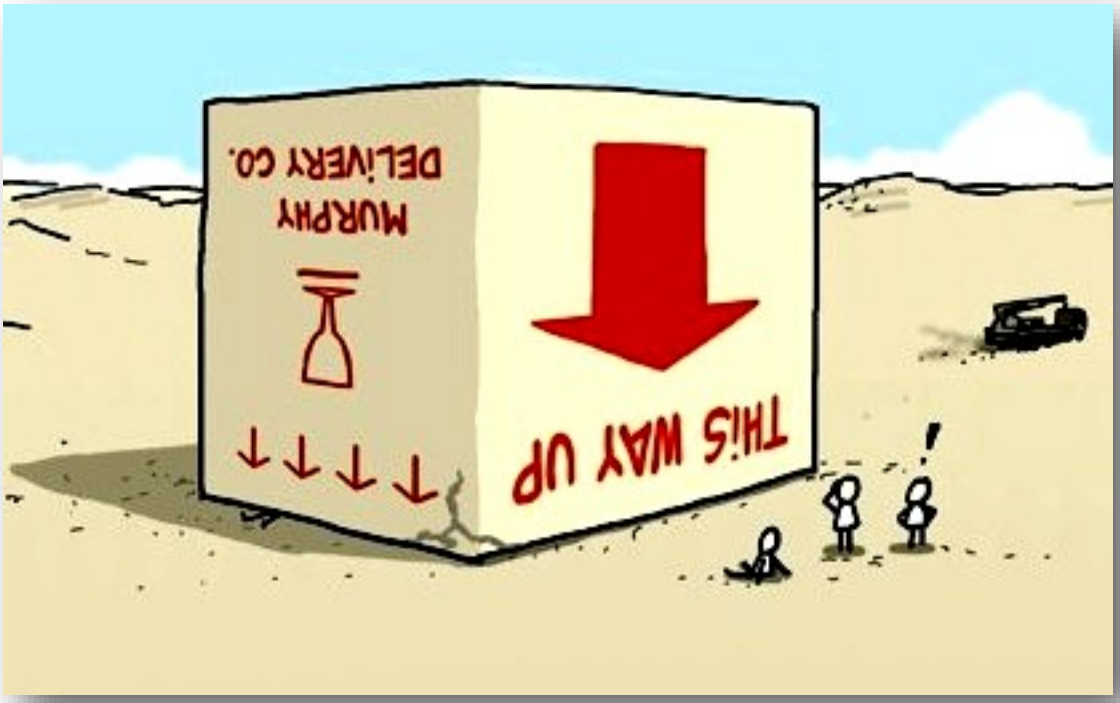
ST. ANDREW UCC
Welcome, Worship, Service

August 30, 2026

14th 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 Wayfarin' Stranger (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Cindy Berry) Bonnie Wolfgram

WELCOME Rev. Bill Friederich

OPENING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:1-10 (MSG) Kathy Moon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Some of the disciples would have sent us away. "We cannot feed you," they insisted.

Many: But the friend said, "Stay with us, and you shall eat."

One: Come, let us open our baskets and combine the little food we have brought on our different journeys.

Many: To the crowds we give our fish from the river and fowl from the air.

One: To the multitudes we offer bread from the field and fruit from the tree.

Many: Lift up the food; look up to heaven and bless it!

All: Let us share with our brothers and sisters, that all the world may behold the power of God's name!

HYMN Gather Us In (v1,2,4) *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Have compassion on us, Friend. We have traveled a far distance to meet you. We are tired, and our homes are in another place. Some of us are sick, others carry heavy burdens. We seek a resting place and a healing word. Stay with us Friend. We ask no more than this.

AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-14 (MSG) Rev. Bill

ANTHEM I Choose You (Deborah Govenor) St. Andrew Choir

SERMON "Everything That CAN Go Wrong, HAS Gone Wrong!" Rev. Bill

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC Inside Your Kingdom (Timothy G. Bushong)

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.

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

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 the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him
(Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Cindy Berry)

Matthew 22:1-14 (MSG) Jesus responded by telling still more stories. "God's kingdom," he said, "is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they wouldn't come!

"He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, 'Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast!'

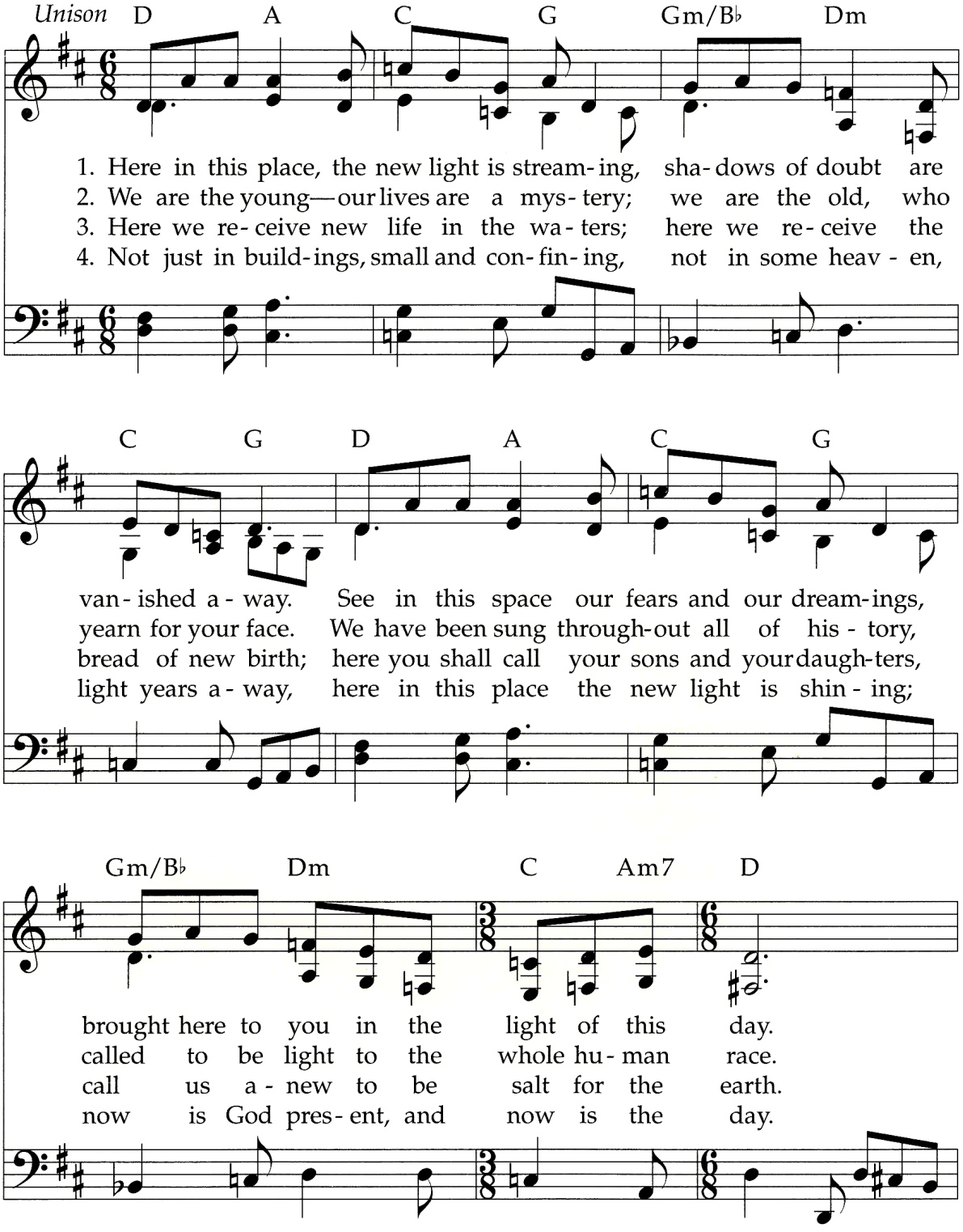
"They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs and level their city.

"Then he told his servants, 'We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited weren't up to it. Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.' The servants went out on the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the banquet was on—every place filled.

"When the king entered and looked over the scene, he spotted a man who wasn't properly dressed. He said to him, 'Friend, how dare you come in here looking like that!' The man was speechless. Then the king told his servants, 'Get him out of here—fast. Tie him up and ship him to hell. And make sure he doesn't get back in.'

"That's what I mean when I say, 'Many get invited; only a few make it.'"

284 Gather Us In



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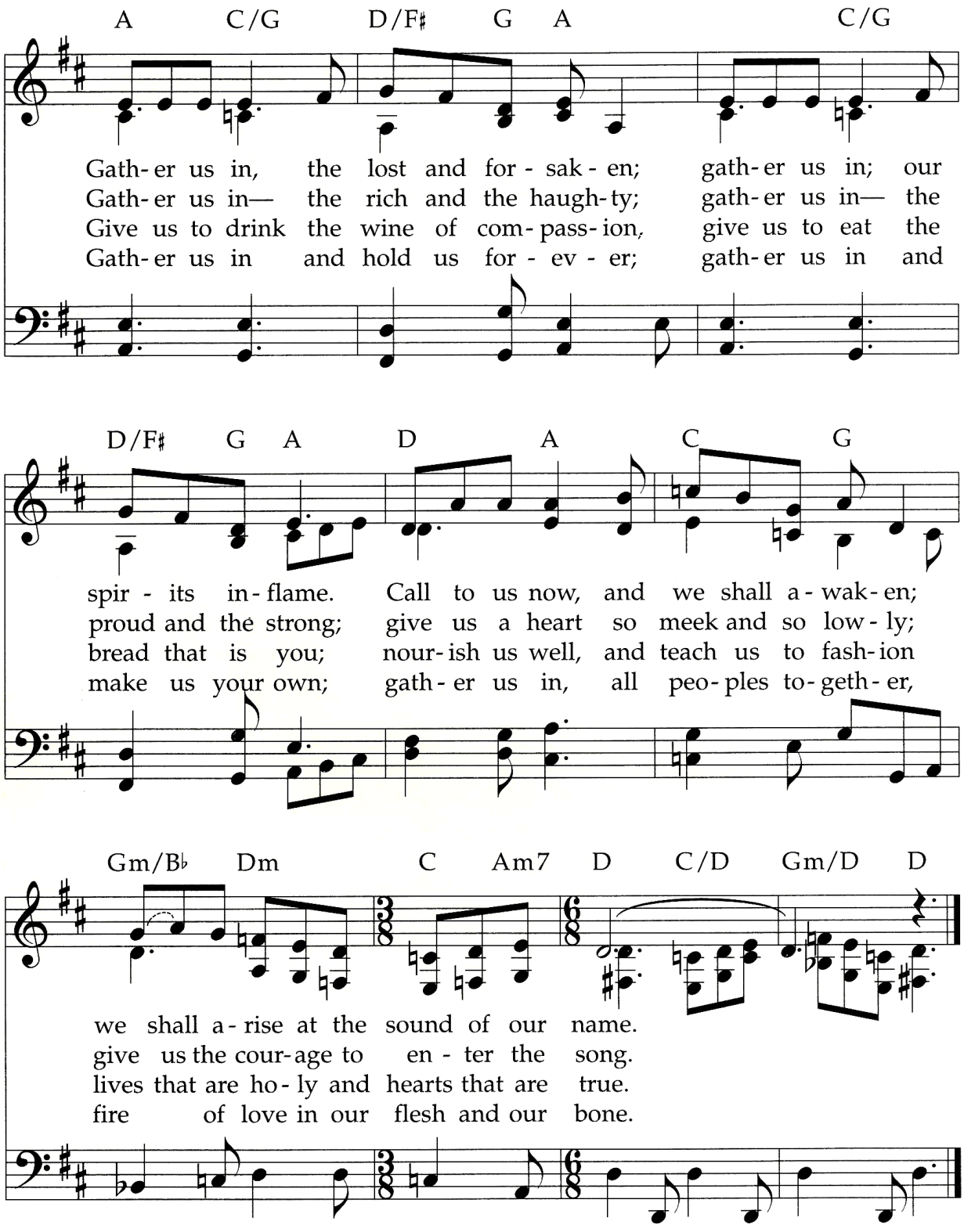

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The entrance doors in the Gathering Area may be used as emergency exits, as well.

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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	Each Thursday 11:00am Conference Room
Thursday Lunch Break	Each Thursday 12:00pm Bring your lunch and join us!
Centering Prayer	*Resumes September 3* 1:00pm In the Sanctuary

St. Andrew 101 August 30, September 6, 13, & 20, in the Sanctuary after Brunch

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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