ST. ANDREW UCC
Welcome, Worship, Service

November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship and Communion 10:30 a.m.

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 Acolytes

PRELUDE Aubade - Thomas Keesecker Bonnie Wolfgram

WELCOME Rev. Bill Friederich

MONTHLY MISSION: All Faiths Food Bank Trudi Mueller

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 43:1-5 (MSG) Debra Cottrell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Before beginnings and beyond never-endings, our God stretches through eternity.
Many: God reaches out to embrace us every moment.
One: Both in common tasks and in unique experiences, our God is present and active.
Many: God wills to be known by all members of the human family.
One: That is why we gather to worship. With the opening of worship, we open ourselves.
All: May we see anew our loving God, greet with grace our sisters and brothers, receive with thanks an empowering Spirit.

HYMN For All the Saints (v. 1,3,5) (*Please stand in body or in spirit)*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we come striving in mind and spirit to live lives worthy of the good news! Touch us with your holy presence, which will make worship of our jostling words and songs, service of our prayers and gifts, community of our sitting together. Open the good news in our lives so that all may read our faith in Christ. AMEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Remembering the Saints of St. Andrew UCC
Who Died Since All Saints Day 2025

Bill Joyner Ken Erb Gay Long Roger Hooverman

SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 (MSG)

SERMON "Loving God Relentlessly" Rev. Bill

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC For the Fruit of All Creation - Fred Pratt Green, Traditional Welsh Melody

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.

ANTHEM The Great Cloud -Joseph M. Martin (based on Hebrews 12:1) St. Andrew Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Assisting Rev. Bill with Communion today are Tennie Capps and Jeffrey Nunes.

INVITATION Rev. Bill
We invite you to participate in this Communion service. This table is open to all who seek Christ's fellowship. Come, not because you are fulfilled, but in your emptiness, you stand in need of God's grace and love. Come to this table, then sisters and brothers, just as you are. Partake and share. It is for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common experience, and has invited us to join the love of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL: Ever gracious God, we gather this hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come baring the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Renew us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. Deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
ONE: One fact remains that does not change. God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the Good News that brings us new life.

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 Here at Your Table, Lord - William F. Sherwin, arr. Mark Hayes

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 God Sends Us Forth - Tony Alonso, GAILHAC, arr. Mark Hayes

Luke 15:1-10 (MSG)

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

"Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

"Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."

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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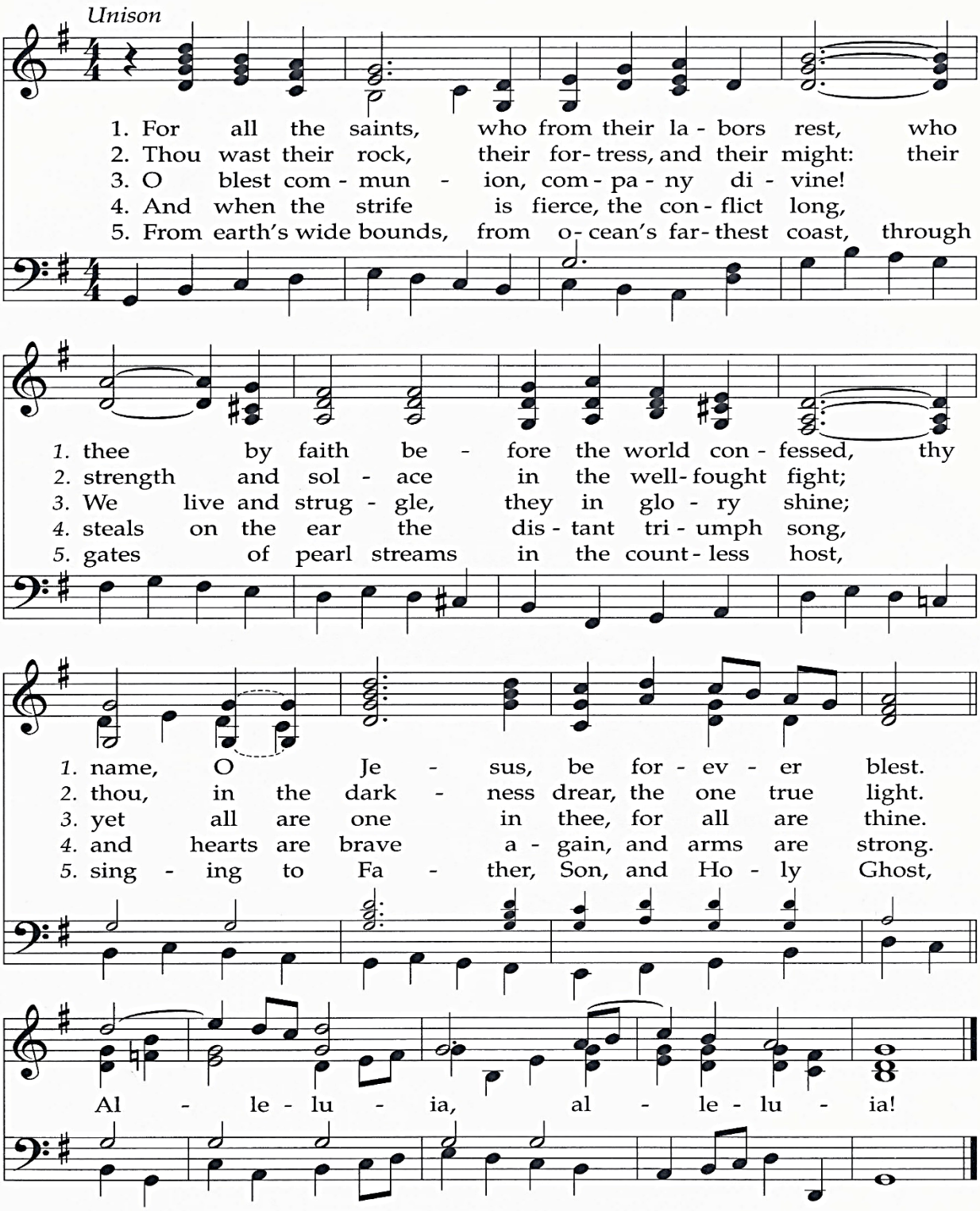

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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 Each Thursday 1:00pm In the Sanctuary

AFFB Food Drive **November 8** Bring your non-perishable food donations to church

Church Council Meeting Monday, November 17 10:00am In-person and Zoom
Church Council

Mission of the Month: All Faiths Food Bank 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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ENDING HUNGER
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

PARTNER FOOD BANK OF FEEDING AMERICA

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS TO END HUNGER

MOST NEEDED FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

Peanut butter and jelly; canned tuna, chicken or salmon; rice; beans of any kind; and shelf-stable milk

OTHER WELCOME FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

Packaged or canned fruit or fruit drinks - please look for 100% juice and pull-tab tops

Canned veggies - please look for pull-tab tops, no salt or sugar added

Cereal, pasta, granola bars and shelf-stable canned meat snacks. Please select soup, stew and canned goods with pull-tab tops and no added salt or sugar

PLEASE NO GLASS, DAMAGED OR OPEN CONTAINERS

Did you know you can drop off your food donations at Sarasota County Goodwill locations? It's convenient for you, and helps us to spend less on fuel, more on food.

941.379.6333 allfaithsfoodbank.org 8171 Blaikie Ct. Sarasota, Florida 34240

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ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

USDA food best-by extension dates

Most nonperishable food items are safe for human consumption past their best-by dates.

Please be sure the cans and packages are in good condition, with minimal rust or dents. Any can that is bulging or rounded at the ends is no longer fit for human consumption and may be hazardous. Some cans will not have a date stamped on them, but they will have a code. The USDA assures us that if these cans are in good condition, they are safe to eat for an indefinite period of time.

Canned items (low acid) are good 2-5 years past the best-by date: including meat, poultry, fish, gravy, stew, soup, beans, carrots, corn, pasta, peas, potatoes and spinach.

Canned items (high acid) are good 12-18 months past the best-by date: including juices, fruit, pickles, sauerkraut, tomato soup and foods in vinegar-based sauce.

Baking soda	18 months
Beans (canned)	3 years
Beans (dried)	1 year
Cake, brownie and bread mix	18 months
Cocktail and chili sauce	1 year
Cereal	1 year
Cereal-hot (oatmeal, grits)	1 year
Chocolate (chips, bars, syrup)	2 years
Coffee (beans)	3 weeks
Coffee (ground)	2 years
Coffee (instant)	1 year
Condiments (BBQ sauce, ketchup, horseradish, mustard, molasses)	1 year
Cookies	2 months
Cornmeal	1 year
Cornstarch	18 months
Crackers	8 months
Extracts (vanilla, almond)	3 years
Fish (tuna, sardines, kipper, salmon)	3 years
Flour	1 year
Flour (whole wheat)	3 months
Frosting mixes (canned and powdered)	1 year
Fruit (canned)	18 months
Fruit (dried)	6 months
Garlic (jarred)	18 months
Gravy (jarred)	5 years
Herbs (dried)	2 years
Honey and hot cocoa	Indefinite
Jam and jelly	1 year
Jello	18 months
Juice boxes	6 months
Macaroni and cheese	2 years
Marshmallows	4 months
Mayonnaise	3 months
Meat (canned - beef, pork, chicken)	3 years
Milk (evaporated and condensed)	1 year
Nuts (canned and jarred)	1 year
Oil (olive or vegetable)	8 months
Oil (spray)	2 years
Olives (black and green)	18 months
Olives, salsa and salad dressing	1 year
Pancake mix and Bisquick	15 months
Pasta (dry)	2 years
Pasta (canned, like SpaghettiOs)	3 years
Peanut butter	9 months
Popcorn (jarred)	2 years
Popcorn (microwavable)	1 year
Potato chips	2 months
Potatoes (instant)	1 year
Pudding mixes	1 year
Rice (brown)	1 year
Rice (flavored, herb)	6 months
Rice (white, wild)	2 years
Sauces (cream, jarred)	6 months
Sauces (non-dairy, spaghetti, jarred)	18 months
Soda (bottled)	3 months
Soda (canned)	9 months
Soup (canned, microwave containers)	3 years
Soup mixes (dry)	1 year
Spices (ground)	3 years
Sugar and substitutes	2 years
Sugar (brown)	4 months
Sugar (confectioners)	18 months
Syrup (maple and pancake)	1 year
Tea (instant)	3 years
Tea bags	18 months
Vegetables (all, canned)	3 years
Water (bottled)	2 years