



**ST. ANDREW UCC**  
Welcome, Worship, Service

**October 4, 2026**  
**Creation Sunday/World Communion Sunday**  
**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**  
**Worship 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: Victoria, Sophia

## PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

Bonnie Wolfgram, Piano

(Traditional English hymn, arr. Ed Hogan and Mary Ellen Kerrick) Lisa Barbanera, Flute

## WELCOME

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67:1-7 (NRSV)

Madelaine Gray

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather together to give thanks to God.

**Many: For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.**

One: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

**Many: For we are the bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.**

One: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.

**All: AMEN**

## HYMN

Canticle of the Sun (v. 1,2,5) *(Please stand in body or in spirit)*

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**For earth we give you thanks, God. For rest we give you thanks. For blue skies we give you thanks. For meaning that is simple and sacred, for bonding of family, friendship, and church, for the possibility to hope and live into the future, we give you thanks. For the light of day and the darkness gentle in the night, for the turning seasons of the year and the celebrations by which we mark our time, we give you thanks. For the Gospel story and the promise of life eternal, we give you thanks. God of splendor and grace we gather in the name of the One, who makes love incarnate, the Christ. AMEN.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:4-7; 3:1-8 (NRSV)

## SERMON

"To Everything, Turn, Turn, Turn!"

Rev. Bill Friederich

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Conrad Kocher, arr. Ed Hogan and Mary Ellen Kerrick)

## 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.**

## ANTHEM

One World, One Communion (Pepper Choplin)

St. Andrew Choir

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **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**

Let Us Break Bread Together (Traditional Spiritual)  
Sacred Prayer of Peace (James Michael Stevens)

### **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!

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

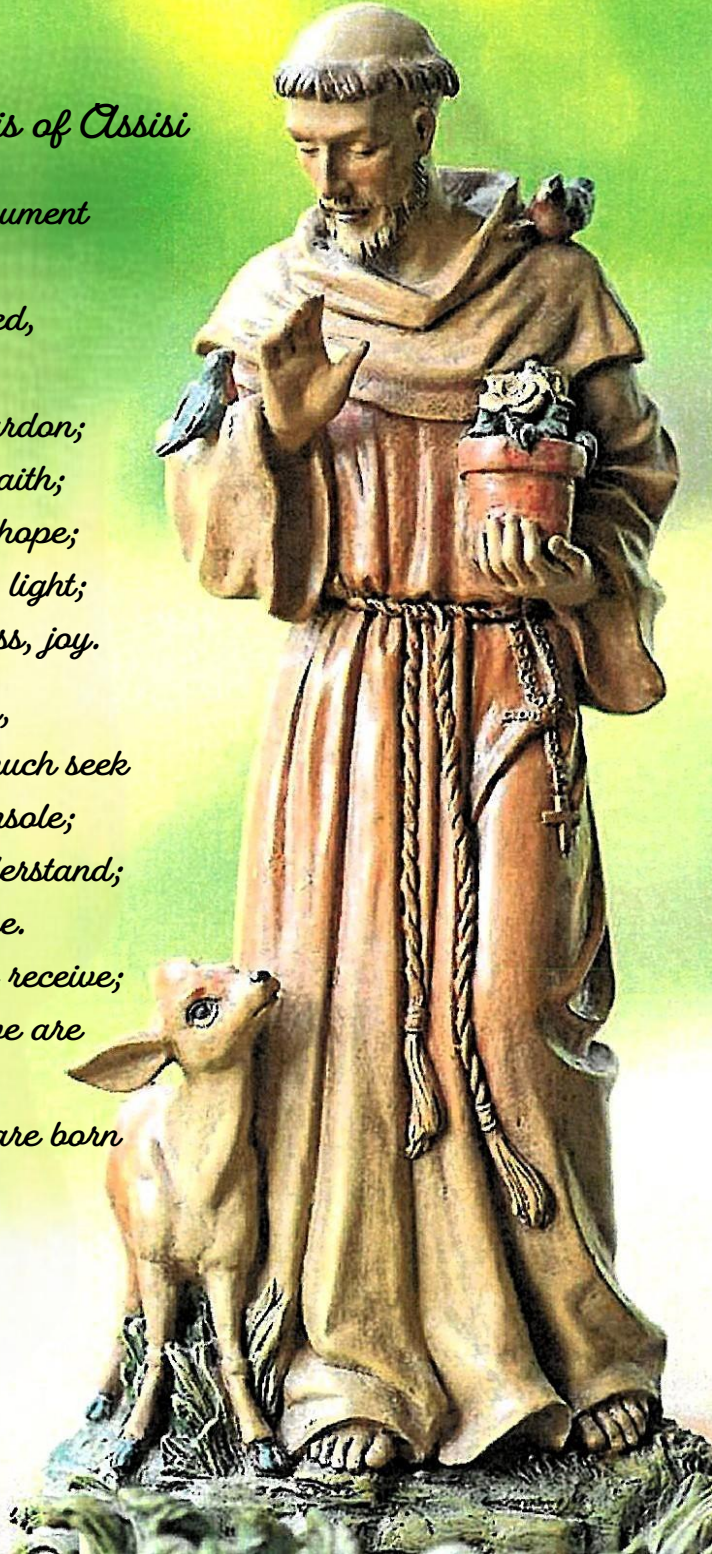
*Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.*

*Amen.*



## **Ecclesiastes 1:4-7; 3:1-8 (NRSV)**

A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.  
The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.  
The wind blows to the south and goes round to the north;  
round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.  
All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **Today in Worship**

We are so pleased to have Lisa Barbanera with us in worship this morning.

Lisa Barbanera is a well-known flutist, private flute teacher, and music coach in this area and has recently retired from a long career in the Manatee County School District. She added greatly to the churches where Rev. Bill and Bonnie previously served, and we are happy to welcome her to St. Andrew.

**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.**

## Canticle of the Sun 496

## Refrain



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and  
all cre - a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the  
for - est, come, play in the field, and sing,  
sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

## Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the  
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y  
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our  
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the  
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you  
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of  
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who  
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they  
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her  
sun to bright-en our night; He danc - es with joy, his  
made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that  
loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your  
light up the way Un - to your throne.  
blow where they please To please the Lord.  
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.  
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.  
help us to know The heart of love.  
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

## 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

**Hooverman Memorial Gathering** Sunday, October 11 after Brunch

**Indigenous Peoples Day** Monday, October 12 OFFICE CLOSED

**SURE Congregational Conversation** Sunday, October 18 after Brunch

**Mission of the Month: Neighbors in Need** 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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