



16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness *setting by Jan Sanborn*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship** | based on Psalm 145

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Women: God is our good and gracious King. Bless the Lord!

Men: Every day we exalt God's name and lift up God's unsearchable goodness.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Women: God's majesty and glorious splendor is proclaimed by every generation.

Men: Young and old alike tell the stories of God's mighty deeds.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Women: The Lord is faithful, merciful and just.

Men: God is holy, righteous and kind.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Women: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Men: Men and women, children and elders, lift your voices!

All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

***Gathering Hymn** | We Praise You, O God *red hymnal, #560*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession** | based on Psalm 32:1, 2

The Bible says, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Seeking the blessing of forgiveness, let us now acknowledge our transgressions.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

*Words of Assurance | based on Psalm 103

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." Believe the good news! In Jesus' name, we are forgiven.

Praise be to God!

*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *Bible*, pg. 484

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson | Matthew 20:1-16 *Bible*, pg. 801

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the Congregational Hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who bore my pain;
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who walks be - side;
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who reigns a - bove;



who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly;
whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light,
whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take;
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the King.



and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my heart.
sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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Old Testament Lesson | Exodus 16:2-15 *Bible*, pg. 55
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Everyday Miracles Rev. Dr. Matt Paul

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | Give Thanks *setting by Joel Raney*

***Offertory Response** | Doxology *red hymnal, #965*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer *red hymnal, #43*

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*
Matthew Penning, *director of music* | Sarah Beerends, *flute*
Jan Taylor (11:00), *worship leader*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

Infant and toddler care (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◆ Keep an "everyday miracles" journal this week as a way of taking note of the manna God is providing me in my life.
- ◆ Mediate on the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard in Matthew 20 and on God's astounding (and scandalous) generosity and grace.
- ◆ Pray for our Sunday school teachers and students.
- ◆ Memorize Psalm 105:3-5.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door.

The **flowers** this morning are given by the McCue family.

Farewell Reception for Pastor Matt: Session and the Personnel Team invite all St. Andrew members to a farewell reception for Pastor Matt on **October 1 from 2:00-4:00 pm** at the North Campus. Treats and beverages will be served. Please join us to celebrate Pastor Matt's time as Pastor and wish him well in the next phase of his journey.

Winter Clothing Distribution: Thank you to all of you who took clothing home last spring. We will be collecting clothing for the annual winter distribution on **Sunday, October 8** at the North Campus. If this does not work for your schedule, please contact Janet Maas at 319/466.7562, and she will pick them up from you. You may also deliver the donations to The Dream Center/The Kingdom Center in Iowa City at 611 Southgate Ave., the Community of Christ in Coralville at 2121 South Ridge Drive, or Grace Community Church in North Liberty at 2707 Dubuque St. NE. They will be accepting donations on Thursday, October 12 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in Iowa City and Coralville and on Friday, October 13 at all three locations, starting at 9:00 am.

