



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | In the Bleak Midwinter *by Gustav Holst*

Welcome + Announcements

Call to Worship | based on Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will brightness of the moon shine on us,
for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

***Gathering Hymn** | Be Thou My Vision *red hymnal, #859*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light. Let us confess our sin to God,
first silently and then together.

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**

God of Grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to the things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. God has overcome our darkness through the Light of Christ. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Bible*, pg. 753

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

Psalm | Psalm 62:5-12 *Bible*, pg. 458

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

Epistle Lesson | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 *Bible*, pg. 930

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

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

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 | Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling *red hymnal*, #615

Gospel Lesson | Mark 1:14-20 *Bible*, pg. 812

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

Message Rev. Jan Rippentrop

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 | You Raise Me Up *by Rolf Løvland and Brendan Graham*

*Offertory Response | Jazz Doxology



Praise God! from whom all bless-ings flow; _____ Praise God! all
crea- tures here be- low; _____ Praise God! a- bove, ye heav'n- ly host;
_____ Praise Fa- ther, _____ Son, _____ and Ho- ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: G.W. Paterson

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*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 | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** red hymnal, #330

*Charge + Blessing

***Postlude | What a Friend We Have in Jesus** by Charles C. Converse

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

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 Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Rev. Jan Rippentrop, *guest preacher*

Kristen DeGrazia, *assistant director of music*

Dick Watson Trio: Dick Watson (*piano*), Gary Palmer (*bass*), and Craig Wood (*drums*)

(8:30) Ruth Dane, (11:00) Jan Taylor, *worship leaders*

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 shelves outside the north sanctuary doors.

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 . . .

- ◇ Make plans to participate in either the Women's Retreat or the Men's Retreat.
- ◇ Be willing to help coordinate some St. Andrew dinners this spring.
- ◇ Memorize Psalm 62.
- ◇ Make plans to come to the Guatemala Taco Lunch next Sunday.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

We welcome Rev. Jan Rippentrop to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Rippentrop is a professor of preaching in the "Association of Chicago Theological Schools DMin in Preaching program" and professor of worship in the Wartburg Seminary distributed learning program. She is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and served as pastor among the incredible people of Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City before pursuing her PhD at Emory University. Along with Rev. Sarah Goettsch, Rippentrop is helping found JustChurch--a worshipping community on Saturday evenings in downtown Iowa City. JustChurch exists to enact that to know Jesus is to do justice. Rippentrop honors and lauds the St. Andrew community for the amazing ministry of the St. Andrew's music staff whose welcoming, professional dispositions and excellent pedagogy have taught her daughters much about music and ministry in Jesus' name.

The **flowers** this morning are given by Ann Ford in memory of Bill Ford, who would have loved this new church building.

Sunday School for all ages will meet in the lower level today. The Adult Education class will meet in the Youth Room.

Lenten Prayer Project: The 2018 Lenten Prayer Project is approaching. Please consider joining in this effort to pray for every member of our congregation over the course of Lent. Anyone can participate. Please fill out a sign-up form that is located on the counter in the Atrium and place it in the basket next to the forms.

Spring Guatemala Team Taco Lunch Fundraiser: Our mission focus next Sunday, January 28, during the adult education hour will be on the relationship St. Andrew has built with Impacto Ministries and the good people of Guatemala. We will also be holding a Taco Lunch fundraiser in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) after the 11:00 service. A free-will donation will be taken to assist the spring Guatemala Team with expenses for their trip in March.

