



Third Sunday in Easter

April 15, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing *setting by J. Wayne Kerr*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship**

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,
and by those wounds we are healed.

***Gathering Hymn** | Thine Is the Glory *red hymnal, #187*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

The One who calls us to repent, hears us.

In trust that our Creator knows us through and through,
let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

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**

**Good and gracious God,
we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness.
We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.
We beg your mercy for our fallen world.
We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.
Be our solace in this life, and always.
We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.
Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance**

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard.
God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

***The Peace | time of greeting**

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

(8:30) **Handbell Response** | God Is So Good *setting by Venita MacGorman*

(11:00) **Choral Response** | This Joyful Eastertide *setting by Linda Cable Shute*

The Word of the Lord

New Testament Lesson | Acts 3:12-19 *Bible, pg. 887*

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 | Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God *red hymnal, #746*

Gospel Lesson | Luke 24:36-48 *Bible, pg. 861*

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

Message | You are witnesses to these things... Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer

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 | This Joyful Eastertide *setting by John Ferguson*

***Offertory Response** | Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Thomas Ken, adapted by Gilbert Vierira

***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** | Crown Him with Many Crowns *red hymnal, #223*

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude** | We All Believe in One True God *setting by J.S. Bach*

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. Dr. Daniel deBeer + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Matthew Penning, *director of music* | Logos Choir

Kristen DeGrazia, *assistant director of music* | Alpha Ringers

(8:30) Ted Potter; (11:00) Ellen Anne Yanik, *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.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

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

- ◇ Talk to someone about how the promise of resurrection, new life, and grace is so outlandish, so uncommon that it always elicited a measure of doubt in me.
- ◇ Continue to live differently because I believe that God's promises are true.
- ◇ Claim resurrection as a present reality in my life, and stop claiming it as a future assurance, or even only a past event.

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The **flowers** this morning are given by the Nicholson family in memory of Tonya Nicholson.

Saturday, April 21 at 7:00 pm is **The Pittsburgh Project Trivia Night**. The night will be filled with fun and games, all going toward raising funds to send our ETC youth on a mission where they will build homes and friendships while sharing the message of God's transforming love. Questions? Contact Randy Hausler at rhausler@saintandrew-ic.org.

Join the Guatemala Team as we welcome **Pastor Luis and Dinora Martinez from Impacto Ministries next Sunday, April 22**, beginning at 4:30 pm. Questions? Contact Kathi Anderson at mainekids@mchsi.com.

Mental Health Initiatives continues to collect **sweat pants for psychiatric patients** at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics through the month of April. Pants can be placed in the designated bin in the Atrium.

The **annual children's musical** will be presented on Sunday, April 29, at both worship services. This year's musical is called, "100% Chance of Rain".

St. Andrew Friendship Dinners are being held in April, May, and June. Check out the sign-up sheets in the Atrium for more details.

We are still looking for one more **nursery care provider**. Please talk to Heather Woodin for more information.

