



6th Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

## We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

### Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *setting by Gerhard Krapf*

### Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song.

**God has done marvelous things!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

**\*Gathering Hymn** | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *red hymnal, #575*

## We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

### \*Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

*Silence for personal confession*

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**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

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### \*Words of Assurance

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

### \*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*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 passing of the peace. Children will be brought back to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

## The Word of the Lord

**Psalm Lesson** | Psalm 98 *Bible*, pg. 480

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

(11:00) **Handbell Response** | Jesus Shall Reign *setting by Sandra Eithun*

**Epistle Lesson** | 1 John 5:1-5 *Bible*, pg. 991

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

**Gospel Lesson** | John 15:1-17 *Bible*, pg. 878

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

**Message** | My Father is glorified by this... 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

(8:30) Grant Us Thy Peace *by Felix Mendelssohn*

(11:00) Sanna, Sannanina (Holy, Most Holy Lord) *setting by Sandra Eithun*

**\*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

# The Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Congregational Hymn** | How Deep the Father's Love for Us    *by* Stuart Townend    see insert

### 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** | Sent Forth by God's Blessing    *red hymnal*, #936

### \*Charge + Blessing

**\*Postlude** | Recessional on Sent Forth by God's Blessing    *by* Mark Sedio

*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, Tamera Penning (piano)

Laudate Ringers, Lisa Shileny (flute)

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

(8:30) Nancy Barth; (11:00) Myrna Farraj, *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.

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

**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...

- ◇ Open and lead a discussion with my friends and family about how Jesus calls us into a deeper, more significant relatedness, which flows from our identification with God.
- ◇ Rethink the statement, "Instead of simply teaching his disciples how to be released from the world, Jesus is binding them together: *No one has greater love than this, to lay one's life for his friends, and I now call you friends.*"
- ◇ Be ready to be surprised by what "loving God through obedience" and "loving one another" looks like!
- ◇ Think about the way God's love influences my relationships.

The **flowers** this morning are given by John, Patricia, and Allison Benson in thankfulness for Ryan and Jared's 20th birthday on May 8.

**Rev. Al Desterhaft**, former pastor of St. Andrew, has graciously accepted our invitation to "catch up" with St. Andrew family, friends, and new friends **at the conclusion of the second service today** at a potluck. He will share about his recent journey back to China where he spent his youth with his missionary parents.

**The Women's Catered Supper** will be held Tuesday, May 15, at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The cost is \$10, and the deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 8. Peggy Hausler, director of Lettuce Feed Others, will be the featured speaker.

**Mental Health Initiatives** will hold a Support and Discussion Group on Wednesday, May 16, at the Iowa City Library from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. For more information contact Marcia Murphy at [murphyma87533@gmail.com](mailto:murphyma87533@gmail.com).

**Lunch with Leaders:** We will hold our Lunch with Leaders gathering following the 11:00 worship service next Sunday, May 13, in the Atrium. Anyone interested in learning more about the life and ministry of St. Andrew, or who is considering membership, is invited to come! Lunch will be provided.

**Session Listening Post:** There will be another Session Listening Post between worship services next Sunday, May 13, in Room 128.

