



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude

(8:30) Gather Us In *by* Randall Senmeier; (11:00) Sonatina III, 1st movement *by* Johann Baptist Vanhal

*Call to Worship

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Gathering Hymn | Gather Us In *red hymnal*, #529

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

*Call to Confession

Today we celebrate baptism, the sign of the renewal of God's covenant in which we are bid to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves. Reminded of having fallen short of God's glorious love, let us confess our sin and seek God's mercy, praying silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

*Prayer of Confession

And now together let us pray.

We confess to you, O God, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have offended your holiness. We have not loved our neighbor. We have followed the desires of our own hearts and have ignored both your Word and Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

In the fullness of time God came in Jesus Christ to give pardon and peace through the blood of the cross, the "blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***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.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Ezekiel 36:25-28 *red hymnal, #803*

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

Epistle Lesson | Titus 3:4-8 *red hymnal, #791*

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

(8:30) **Special Music** | How Can I Keep from Singing? *arranged by Enya, Nicky Ryan, & Roma Ryan*

(11:00) **Congregational Hymn** | Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters *red hymnal, #802*

Gospel Lesson | John 7:37-39 *Bible, pg. 869*

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

Message | Water Reflections *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Responding to the Word

(8:30) **Sacrament of Baptism** | The Apostles' Creed *red hymnal, #783b*

Julien Robert Tabi-Chou Ebot, parents are Leonard Arrey Ebot and Amy Sue Ebot

Moses Floyd Bish, parents are Jane Ofundem Ebot-Bish and Sheldon Floyd Bish

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

(8:30) Here at Your Table, Lord *by Mark Hayes*; (11:00) Sonatina III, 2nd movement *by Johann Baptist Vanhal*

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**



SAPC Give Now

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.

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** | Sent Forth by God's Blessing *by Anne Krentz Organ*

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

Tamera Penning, *piano*

Lora Morgan Dunham & Elizabeth Ebot, *vocals*

Annabel and Laura Hendrickson, *piano duet*

(8:30) Becka Simpson; (11:00) Nancy Barth, *worship leaders*

Leadership

Interim Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer
Associate Pastor	Rev. Kyle Otterbein
Pastor Emeritus.....	Rev. Mark Martin
Music Director	Matthew Penning
Assistant Director of Instrumental Ministries.....	Lee Rabe
Assistant Director of Children's Vocal Ministries	Nelda Wittig
Assistant Director of Handbell Ministries	Laura Kastens
Children's & Family Ministry Director.....	Heather Woodin
Youth Ministries Director	Randy Hausler
Finance Administrator	John Benson
Office & Communications Administrator.....	Sarah Dyck

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.

Prayer: 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.

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.

QR Coding for Giving: The QR code in the Sunday bulletin is an electronic code that links to the giving page on our church website. In worship, we respond to God's love with our offering. We hope that people who like technology will use these prompts to connect their gifts to our worship.

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...

- ◇ Begin each day this week with a prayer remembering my baptism (for ex., "Lord, thank you for the water of baptism, for forgiving my sin, and joining me to Jesus Christ.").
- ◇ Memorize Ezekiel 36:26.
- ◇ Discuss with my household/friends a simple home ritual of remembering baptism to do at a time we decide (for ex., Mark one another with the sign of the cross and say, "Remember that you belong to Christ.").

- The **flowers** this morning are given by Kathy and Wes Habley to the glory of God and to thank him for their many blessings.
- **The flowers in the Atrium** are in celebration of Pastor Kyle Otterbein's birthday, with gratitude to the Lord for his care and love.
- **ETC After Dark** is this evening at 9:00 pm in The Hub.
- The church office will be **closed tomorrow, September 3**, in observance of Labor Day.
- The **Open House for Christian Education** will be held next Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 am. **Classes for all ages** will begin on September 16 at 9:45.
- There will be a **Women's Retreat planning meeting** next Sunday, September 9, at 12:15 in Room 128.

