



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | Siyahamba (*We Are Marching in the Light of God*) *setting by David Marlatt*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Listen and wait! The Lord is on our side. The Lord hears our prayers!

We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

God's mercy is sure, and God's justice will prevail.

We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Do not give up and do not despair. Wait patiently for God, for God will answer us.

We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Hope in God, for God is good and God loves us with an everlasting love.

We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

***Gathering Hymn** | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *red hymnal, #572*

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

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

*Call to Confession

No matter where we have been, where we are, or where we are going, God is there. No matter what we have done, God loves us. In the certainty of God's love, let us honestly confront our shortcomings as we pray together.

Silence for personal confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of great love, we clearly remember the times when we have thought you to be less than loving. We recall with pain the dark times in our lives when we could not see your light; nor did we seek it. We remember with remorse the occasions when we did not recognize the small pleasures of our abundant life. We confess that we have been quick to criticize and hasty to condemn. Forgive us for all that has come before and grant us grace to go forward in your forgiving love and redeeming grace. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Friends, listen to this good news: God is always present to us, even when we are not present to God. And the love of God never lets us go, even in the times when we are wounded beyond words and let go of God. In the grace of God's love, may we let go of our regrets and embrace the goodness of God's love, for in Jesus' name, we are forgiven! **Hallelujah, Amen!**

*The Peace | time of greeting

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

The Word of the Lord

Psalm | Psalm 114 *Bible*, pg. 491

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

Gospel Lesson | Matthew 18:21-35 *Bible*, pg. 800

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 | When Israel Was in Egypt's Land *red hymnal*, #42

Old Testament Lesson | Exodus 14:19-31 *Bible*, pg. 53

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

Message | Between a Rock and a God Place 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 | Moses *setting by James Cheyne*

***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**

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism** | The Apostles' Creed *red hymnal, #783b*

Samuel Tete Tekoe, son of Sewa Tekoe and Lina Adjovi Afangbedji

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** | Shout to the Lord *red hymnal, #603*

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*

Lee Rabe, *assistant director of music*

Brass Ensemble

Woodwind Ensemble

(8:30) Nancy Barth, (11:00) Rebecca Benson, *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 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 . . .

- ◇ Practice the breath prayer, (breathing in) "Abba," (breathing out) "I belong to you."
- ◇ Join in the next St. Andrew Meet-Up on September 24 at the Old Creamery Theater for a performance of "Footloose." (See the St. Andrew Facebook or web page for more information.)
- ◇ Pray for a friend or loved one caught between a rock and a hard place, that the hard place becomes a God place.
- ◇ Read the songs of Moses and Miriam in Exodus 15:1-21 and contemplate what the crossing of the Red Sea meant to the Israelites.

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 Skip and Pat Wells in thanks for their many blessings.

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 St. Andrew's Senior 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.

