



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 A.M. | APRIL 7, 2024
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bulletin Cover

***The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (1621)*, by Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri), 1591-1666. From the National Gallery of London:** “The New Testament recounts how, after his crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples. One of them, Thomas, was absent, and refused to believe in Christ’s resurrection without witnessing it himself.

“This painting shows their encounter, when Christ instructed Thomas to touch the wounds he had suffered on the Cross. Fingers outstretched, Thomas tentatively reaches towards Christ, clutching his other hand to his chest; we can sense his nervousness. Two men lean in behind him, craning their necks to see, while Saint Peter looks on over Christ’s shoulder. Guercino has built a powerful sense of anticipation and tension through the picture’s tight crop and dramatic lighting. The figures, transfixed by Christ, watch and wait to see what will happen.”



**Johnson County
Interfaith Coalition**



Hymns + Songs | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison.

✝ Please rise in body or in spirit.



Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. | April 7, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

*“I realize that my faith and unbelief are never far from each other.
Maybe it is exactly at the place where they touch each other
that the growing edge of my life is.”*

— Henri Nouwen

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *The Peace May Be Exchanged*, by Dan Locklair

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Chris Currie*

Into our fears and through our locked doors,

come, Creator God, our Deliverer.

When we think “peace be with you,” means no change or disruption,

come, Christ, Divine Word and our Redeemer.

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

come, Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

For the sake of a community meant to be at its best during crisis,

we call to you, our Triune God.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright,” pg. 7

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Chris Currie*

When we stand and confess our sins

we are not doing so as lost, guilty and ambiguous human beings

who are not sure of our standing before God.

We do not come groveling,

but we come confident as those who are no longer dead in our trespasses

but who are already alive in Jesus Christ.

Without God’s grace, we would not even know we are sinners.

So we confess, first today, then silently:

God of Grace, we think our best should happen when we are in control.
Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious.
Forgive us for locking the doors of our homes for fear of all that is outside.
Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls
and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent.
Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places
but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection,
raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus, the Christ.

Time for Silent Confession

Take heart, you are already forgiven, loved, and whole.
By divine grace, you are not an isolated spiritual being,
left on our own to figure out God's purpose and plan.
We are all part of a community of faith,
a community in which every human being is seen, loved, and made whole.

✕ **Musical Response** | "Christ Is Risen," vs. 2 (*hymnal*, #204) | *to the tune of "Ode to Joy"*

***2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.***

✕ **Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion**

And now, as a visible sign
of what it means to live together
in the care and context
of Christ's community,
let us extend Christ's
peace and compassion
to those around us!

The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

Old Testament Reading | Psalm 133:1-3

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading | John 20:19-31

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The Message | The Rev. Kyle Otterbein

✠ **Hymn** | “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #188)

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *With a Voice of Singing*, by Martin Shaw

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Preparation

God be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to the God of Goodness and Grace.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal

Music During the Meal | “Love Bade Me Welcome,” from *Five Mystical Songs*
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams | *text: George Herbert*

Prayers of the People

✕ **Sending Hymn** | “Thine Is the Glory,” pg. 9 (*hymnal*, #187)

✕ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Prelude in G Major, BWV 541*, by J. S. Bach

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III and Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Myrna Farraj, *worship leader*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *accompanist and organist*

Brady Warner and David Devine, *guest organists*

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Karen Raynor in memory of her mother and a great-grandson, who are celebrating Heavenly birthdays today. It’s also the birthday of her sweet kitty, Chloe. (“*When I got her home from the shelter two years ago and looked at Chloe’s papers, I saw she was born on my mother’s birthday, and I knew she was chosen just for me.*”)

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.

Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

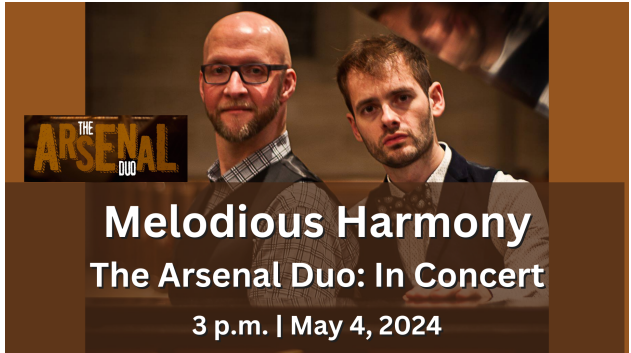
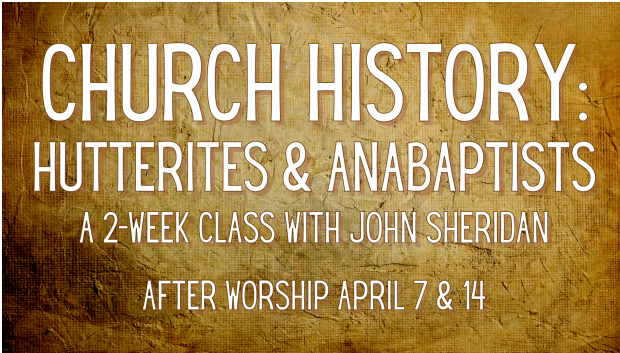
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

bod - y lay.
 lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;
 home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939), P.D.
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 refrain 5.5.6.5; George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), P.D.



St. Andrew's Statement of Inclusion

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created by God in God's image, and God found all of creation to be good. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into fellowship, especially those marginalized by society, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic status, marital status, family structure, country of origin, or immigration status. All are welcome to participate fully in the life of St. Andrew: worship, service, baptism, communion, membership, ministry, and leadership. To this end, we affirm that the covenant of marriage should be extended to any two consenting adults who seek to enter a marriage based upon love, responsibility, mutual respect, and trust in God's grace. We acknowledge that the Presbyterian Book of Order allows for each pastor to follow their own conscience as to whether they will perform a particular marriage service.

We recognize that the Christian church has historically condemned and excluded LGBTQ+ persons from the community of faith, and we assert that such actions are incompatible with the gospel of Jesus. We also acknowledge, and deeply regret, that St. Andrew Presbyterian's actions have at times caused harm to our relationships with members of the LGBTQ+ community, including members of our own congregation. As we continue to grow as a congregation and discern our path forward in God's love and grace, we seek to rectify these past wrongs and pursue justice for those who have been and continue to be oppressed. We commit to continue to learn and work toward ensuring that St. Andrew is a safe place where all people are welcomed and loved.

Approved by the St. Andrew Session, June 2023

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Wes Habley, *interim director of reed ensembles*

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Class of 2024: Cade Benson, Jason Gehrs, Thomas Hartley, Sara Penn, Karen Raynor, and Rebecca Schuchert
Class of 2025: Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Eric Goers, Jon Swearingen, and Bruce Walker
Class of 2026: Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, and Gregs Thomopoulos

Deacons

Class of 2024: Kathi Anderson, Katherine Habley, Cody Neddermeyer, Pam & Phil Karp, Jenny Wilcox, and Elizabeth Young
Class of 2025: Erika Law Tuttle, Pat Penn, Amy & Jason Schmidt-Rundell, Kathy & Dave Duys, and Dedi Walker
Class of 2026: Daniel Chappo, Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Jamie Tanas & Mettie Thomopoulos

Finance Team

Class of 2024: Jason Schuchert, *treasurer* | Michelle DeGroot, *assistant treasurer*

Personnel Team (at large)

Class of 2024: Kent Short | **Class of 2025:** Lisa Shileny & Wes Habley | **Class of 2026:** Twila Finkelstein

Nominating Team (at large)

Class of 2024: Kyle Bernard, Nichole Hoffman, Lori Hudson & Emily Neddermeyer

Questions about Worship @ St. Andrew?

- **Welcome!** We are happy to have you join us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please email office@saintandrew-ic.org.
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August. *The service usually begins with Welcome & Announcements a few minutes before 9:30 a.m.*
- All ages are welcome in our worship services. Worship materials for all ages are available in **The Maker's Toolbox** outside the north entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins also are available outside the Sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

Reminder of Upcoming Events

- **Sunday Solace** | April 7
- **Spaghetti Lunch** | April 7
- **Handbell Choir Festival** | April 12-13
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | April 16
- **Coffee with Leaders** | April 21
- **Earth Sunday** | April 21 | with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer
- **25Live Walk-a-Thon** | April 25
- **ETC Trivia Night** | April 26
- **Child-Led Worship Service** | April 28
- **At the Table** | May 2
- **ETC Night Games** | May 3
- **Melodious Harmony: Arsenal Duo** | May 4
- **Sunday Solace** | May 5
- **Guatemala Fundraiser** | May 5
- **Final Week of Sunday Classes** | May 12
- **Affirmation Milestones** | May 19
- **Coffee with Leaders** | May 19
- **Pancake Breakfast & Sensory Fair** | May 19
- **Humanize My Hoodie Screening** | May 19
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | May 21
- **Sunday Solace** | June 2
- **Flamy Grant Concert** | June 4
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 9
- **Stronghold** | June 9-14
- **Coffee with Leaders** | June 16
- **VBS** | June 17-21
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | June 18
- **High School Mission Trip** | July 21-26