



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 A.M. | APRIL 14, 2024
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III, *pastor*
Christopher Stephens, *worship leader*
Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*
Festival Bells | Laura Kastens, *assistant director of handbell ministries*
Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*
Sara Penn, *family ministries activities coordinator*
Brian Lew, *Presbyterian Association of Musicians*



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**Johnson County
Interfaith Coalition**

Bulletin Cover

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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.



Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. | April 14, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

“Expressing doubt is how we begin a journey to discover essential truths.”

— Kilroy J. Oldster

Welcome + Announcements

Growing to Serve | Presbyterian Association of Musicians

Prelude |

✠ Call to Gather

We thank you, O God, for drawing us to this place and time.

We thank you for interrupting us with your gift of life in Christ.

**Whether we have heard the news many times over,
or whether are listening with brand new ears today,
surprise us with your justice and righteousness,
that our lives might turn in the right direction!**

Startle us with your goodness and mercy.

Ever-guide us in seeking God’s grace and openness in all we say and do!

✠ Gathering Hymn | “Guide Us to Openness, Spirit of Mercy”

sung to “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | text by: W. Robert Martin, III

Guide us to openness, Spirit of mercy,

Aid us in seeking God’s justice and grace.

Move us to show Christ’s compassion through witness,

Love first to offer and hate to erase.

Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!

Let no one ever be shunned or denied.

Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,

That all who seek you may come and abide.

*Spirit of tenderness, impart your presence,
Fill both our hearts and our hands with your care.
Let no one suffer or grieve unattended,
Grant us your kindness and warmth here to share.
Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!
Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek you may come and abide.*

*Though there are those who would limit Christ's graces,
Still we refuse to believe in such lies
For on this day we now make a commitment
Never to limit love's power or size!
Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!
Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek you may come and abide.*

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace**

Beloved, we are God's children now,
but what we will be in the fullness of our time
has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:
we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God.

So let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us,
and let us pray to be more like Christ in every way.

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God ...
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus fed those who were hungry ...
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded ...
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

A time of silent confession

The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering
and the nature of Christ is revealed within us.

We are becoming more and more like Christ each day.

Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people.

Let us live as saints and instruments of God's way.

✕ **Musical Response**

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

✕ **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 4:1-8

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

Time for Young Disciples | Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House (April 25)

Gospel Reading | Luke 24:36b-48

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The Prompting | *Doubts Among the Dunes?* | The Rev. W. Robert Martin III

✘ **Hymn** | “Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen,” pg. 7
Choir sing verse 1 | All sing verses 2-4

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*, arr. by Robert Wetzler

✘ **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!

Prayers of the People | Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven,
 may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
 but rescue us from the evil one.
For the kingdom and the power and
 the glory are yours forever. Amen.

✘ **Sending Hymn** | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” pg. 8-9

✘ **Benediction**

Postlude | I Love Thee, My Lord, by George Shearing

253 Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 2: (Am) (E7)
Bm F#7

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.
¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó

(Am) Bm Fine

Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.
la ma - dru - ga - da del do - min - go.

(Am) (F) (E7)
Bm G F#7

1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.
2 Rise, Mag - da - le - na, from your weep - ing;
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning;
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?

(Am) Bm

Mar - vel, the stone is rolled a - way!
Christ stands be - fore your ver - y eyes.
sud - den - ly Christ your Lord ap - pears.
"I'll not be - lieve un - less I see."

(F) (E7)
G F#7

Hear from the an - gel, "He is ris - en."
Quick - ly re - turn to the dis - ci - ples;
"Look, it is I, your wound - ed Sav - ior.
Christ comes a - gain, and ev - ery Lord's day:

(Am) Bm to Refrain / el Estribillo

Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Peace be with you, and do not fear."
"Touch me and see; have faith in me."

SANTO DOMINGO
9.8.9.8 with refrain

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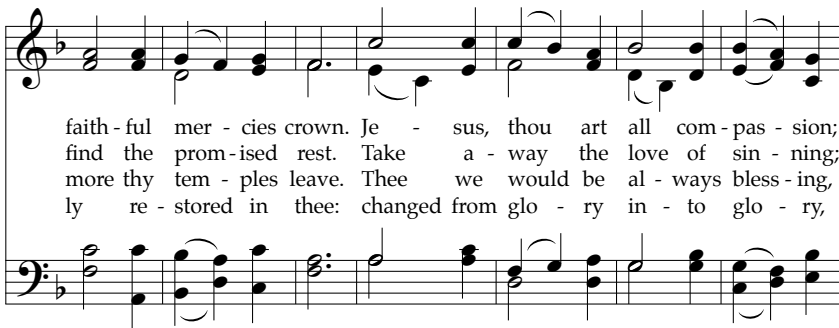
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

**CHURCH HISTORY:
 HUTTERITES & ANABAPTISTS**
 A 2-WEEK CLASS WITH JOHN SHERIDAN
 AFTER WORSHIP APRIL 7 & 14

**WHAT KIND OF
 CHRISTIANITY**
 A HISTORY OF
SLAVERY
 AND ANTI-BLACK
RACISM IN THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
WILLIAM YOO

**CHURCH HISTORY:
 PRESBYTERIANS**
 A CLASS WITH TWILA FINKELSTEIN
 AFTER WORSHIP
 APRIL 28, MAY 5 & MAY 12

**THE
 ARSENAL
 DUO**

Melodious Harmony
The Arsenal Duo: In Concert
 3 p.m. | May 4, 2024

**HUMANIZE
 MY HOODIE**

DOCUMENTARY
 SCREENING
 7:30 p.m. | Sunday May 19, 2024

St. Andrew and the 25Live Children are hosting a...

Ronald McDonald House



WALK-A-THON!!



Thursday, April 25 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

St. Andrew's Upper Parking Lot

To
pledge



To
Register



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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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

- **Senior Moments Coffee** | April 16
- **Coffee with Leaders** | April 21
- **Earth Sunday** | April 21 | with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer
- **St. Andrew Food Market** | April 24
- **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
- **NAMI Walks Johnson County** | May 4
- **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
- **St. Andrew Food Market** | May 22
- **Sunday Solace** | June 2
- **Flamy Grant Concert** | June 4
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 9
- **Stronghold** | June 9-14
- **Coffee with Leaders** | June 16