

Fourth Sunday of Easter a child-led service



9:30 a.m. | April 30 2023
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Proposed Changes to St. Andrew's Statement of Inclusion

Last fall, St. Andrew's Session appointed an **Inclusion Task Force** to look through the **Statement of Inclusion** adopted back in 2017 and recommend any changes necessary to ensure that St. Andrew serves as an open and welcoming church community. The Task Force members (*Twila Finkelstein, Eric Goers, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Aaron Shileny, Gregs Thomopulos, and Jan Waterhouse*) spent several weeks going through the statement currently on the church website (<https://saintandrew-ic.org/who-we-are/statement-of-inclusion>) and deciding on ways to better express the congregation's commitment to being fully inclusive.

Last month, Session decided the latest draft of a new statement was ready to send to the congregation for further conversation. If you have some thoughts about the updated statement below, please send your comments to office@saintandrew-ic.org, and your insights will be forwarded to the task force members. **Members of the task force will be in the Atrium after worship today to talk with people individually.**

If you would like to invite a task force member to speak to you or your small group about St. Andrew's commitment to full inclusion, please email the Church Office or reach out directly to **Eric Goers** (ericgoers@gmail.com), the Session member who has been overseeing the work of the task force.

Statement of Inclusion (DRAFT 3/19/2023)

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

The congregation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We all are 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 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.

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.

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

“The church is naturally set up to adopt an inclusion mindset, because we follow Jesus and know He modeled love and value for all children.”

— Amy Fenton Lee

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *God Is Here with Me*, by Christopher Hogan

✕ **Call to Gather** | adapted from a prayer by Sara Wilson

You make turtles that paddle,

You make penguins that waddle

Shine your love upon us—let it glow with hope and grace!

You make sheep so wooly

You make us wonderfully!

Shine your love upon us—let it glow with hope and grace!

Love is in your heart

We will go and play our part!

Shine your love upon us—let it glow with hope and grace!

All the birds in the trees,

You set all the world free!

Shine your love upon us—let it glow with hope and grace!

✕ **Gathering Hymn** | “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing,” vs. 1-4 pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #184)

✕ **Prayer of Hope**

Let us pray ...

Dear God ...

You are the one who called us into being.

You knit together the strands of DNA
that makes each of us different
and utterly precious.

You were there when we were born,
when we took our first steps,
on the first day of school.

You have held us in times of tears and anger,
when other people have let us down.

You have laughed and run and danced with us,
and you love us more than we could ever know!
We pray, in hope, for our futures,
and for our tomorrows.
Shape us more and more into living parts of your body
that we may be your eyes and ears,
your hands and feet,
in this world we love and live in!
Amen.

✠ **Musical Response** | “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna,” v. 2 (*hymnal*, #204)

*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!

First Reading | Psalm 23

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

Musical Meditation | *Peace Like a River*

Time for the Adult in Us All | Thomas Hartley, director of children’s and family ministries ✠

✠ Following the *Time for the Adult in Us All*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children’s Area.

Second Reading | Luke 18:15-17 (*The Message*)

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

The Prompting | Rev. W. Robert Martin, III

✠ **Hymn** | “Blest Be the Tie That Binds,” vs. 1, 3-5, pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #257)

Worship in Tithes and Offerings |

Offertory | *A Love Round*, arr. Nancy Gifford

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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 & 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 Hymn** | “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,” pg. 9 (*hymnal*, #830)

✠ Benediction

Go now and live before God in openness.

Set your minds on the ways of God,

not clinging to your own life,

but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

And may God give you peace and promise;

May Christ Jesus be proud of you;
and may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith.
Amen.

Postlude

Today's Worship Participants

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

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Thomas Hartley, *director of children's ministries*

Worship Leaders | Anjana Mathews; Nyaluit Miak; Eleanor, Isaac, & Sara Penn; Regan Stiles; Henry Tilley;
and Claire & Emily Vos

Angelic Voices (PreK-2 Choir)

Percussion Ensemble

Philia Choir | Philia Ringers (3-6th Grade)

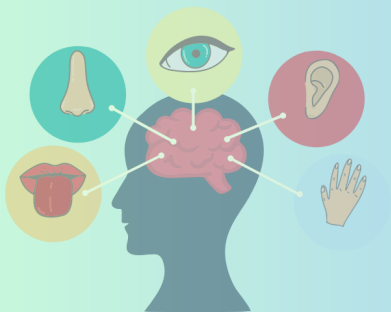
Noah Adams, *trombone*; Claire Vos, *trumpet*; and Lily Hoffman, *flute*

Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*

John Mendelin & Ethan Elsbernd, *music interns*

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by John and Patti Benson, in memory of the birthday of Patti's dad, Carroll Robert Dimmick (May 1), and in celebration of the birthday of Ryan & Jared 25th (May 8).

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN SENSORY FAIR



After Worship May 7, 2023

Help us kick off this year's Mission Focus on Mental Health!
Activities for All Ages & Abilities.

For information, contact Amy Schmidt-Rundell or Nichole Hoffman

184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Chord symbols: C, Em, F, G, C

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to-day. Sing songs of praise a-
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which

Chord symbols: G, D, G, C, Em, Dm, C

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
long his way. Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:

Refrain Chord symbols: Am, G, D, G, Am, G, C

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Refrain

5 To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, three-in-one,
we sing for life in us begun:
Refrain

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Cyril A. Alington, 1925, alt. © 1958 *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company
Music (GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias 4.4.4): Melchoir Vulpius, 1609, P.D.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5 This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way;
 while each in expectation lives
 and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign
 through all eternity.

Words: John Farrell, 1782, P.D.

Music (DENNIS 6.6.8.6): attr. Johann C. Nageli, 1828, P.D.

830 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C F G Dm

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

C G C F G

shout of joy. Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share.

Refrain (descant may be added on repeat)

Dm G7 C Am C7

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Em - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

F Dm G G7 C F C

earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Words: Fred Kaan (b. 1919) © 1975 Hope Publishing Company
 Music (Linstead 8.8.8.8 refrain 5.5.5.3): Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980) © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

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 or visit <https://bit.ly/sapc-connection>.
- 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. *We usually begin 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.
- **Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue **Prayer Request Card** and placed in the offering plates as they are passed or offered online at <https://bit.ly/sapc-connection>.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly **offering**—either in the offering plates or through our website—support the annual church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- You can find a copy of this bulletin on our church website and app: <https://bit.ly/sapc-bulletins>.



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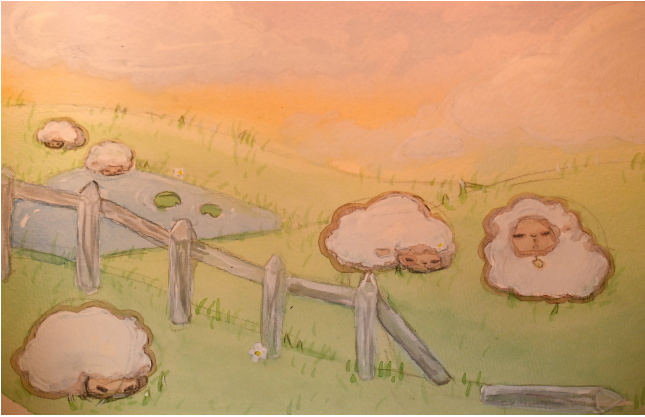
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Sunday School & Adult Education

- **2 & 3 Year Olds:** Children's Area
- **4, 5 & Kindergarten:** Children's Area
- **1st & 2nd Grade:** Children's Area
- **3rd & 4th Grade:** Children's Area
- **5th & 6th Grade:** Room 19 (meet in the Children's Area first)
- **Junior High:** Room 17
- **Senior High:** Room 18
- **"Trouble the Water,"** with *Pastor Kyle Otterbein:* Room 128
- **"Statement of Inclusion Conversations,"** with *members of the Task Force:* The Atrium

Upcoming in Worship @ St. Andrew

May 7, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

- **Prompting:** Matt Moore
- **After Worship:** Sensory Fair

May 14, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

- **Sermon:** Pastor Kyle Otterbein

May 21, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **After Worship:** Pancake Fundraiser & Coffee with Leaders



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