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Thought for Reflection

“Be excited for each new day. Sometimes hurt from our past (tries) to make its way into the start of a new day. We cannot live the past, only in our minds. So let go, no matter how hurtful. God wants us all to live in abundance, glorifying God’s love and our love for others. This day is a brand-new day, a God-given gift.”

— Ron Baratono

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *For the Beauty of the Earth*, arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

✠ Call to Gather

You are making all things new.

A new heaven

A new earth

A new way of thinking

A new way of being.

You are making all things new.

No more Death

No more mourning

No more crying

No more pain.

You are making all things new.

Let us worship our God with hope and promise!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “How Firm a Foundation,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #427)

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

Let us join together in prayer to our God,
who is always doing a new thing:

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.

**We confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through.**

A time for silent confession

Hear this good and abundant news!
Jesus came into our reality not to condemn us,
but to save us,
to lead us to new ways of acting in and reacting to the world around us!
So know that you are forgiven this day—fully and faithfully!

✠ **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,

✠ Following the *Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children's Area.

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 31:1-5, 15-16 (*Bible*, pg. 439)

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

Special Music | *Amazing Grace*, arr. by Peggy A. Thompson

Second Reading | John 14:1-14 (*Bible*, pg. 877)

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

The Prompting | *Trusting Your Senses* | Matt Moore

✠ **Hymn** | "Be Still, My Soul," pg. 8-9

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | *Song of Assurance*, by Arnold B. Sherman

✠ **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

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 | *Psalm 139*, by Allen Pote

Prayer after the Meal

✠ **Sending Hymn** | “The Church's One Foundation,” pg. 10 (*hymnal*, #251)

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Finale from Symphony No. 6*, by Charles-Marie Widor

Today's Worship Participants

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

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Becky Benson, *worship leader*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Resound! & Family Handbell choirs | Laura Kastens, *assistant director of handbell ministries*

Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*

John Mendelin & Ethan Elsbernd, *music interns*

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

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 .
- 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>.



Thank you,
God, for Connecting Us.
Thank you for neighbors,
each with needs
and gifts to share,
And for our Church,
the whole Church,
Together,
And for Jesus Christ,
Amen.



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How Firm a Foundation

ISAIAH 43:1-5

D G Am7 Bm Em G/D Am7/E D

1 How firm a foun - da - tion you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

G C D C7 G/D D7 G

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 > the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

D/F# G Em C/E G/D Am7/C D

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 > for the flame shall be with you in trou - ble to bless,
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

G Am7 Bm Em G/D D7 G

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 > and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

To use with Psalm 11: Sing st. 1, read Psalm 11:1-3, sing st. 2, read Ps. 11:4-7, sing st. 5

Words: Isaiah 43:1-5; J. Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt., P.D.Music (FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11): J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012), 1985, © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

**Congregational
 Meeting
 After Worship
 June 11, 2023
 Zoom: bit.ly/sapc-meeting-061123**

The Church's One Foundation

1 The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.

Music (AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D): Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D.

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A Note on Today's Postlude

Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

I want to thank you all for always encouraging me each Sunday. I'm so grateful for being your organist. I'm soon going back to Taiwan for the first time since I moved here in December 2021.

Before my temporary leave, I'm playing the last movement from my recent degree recital: ***Finale from Symphony No. 6, by Charles-Marie Widor***. It's a little longer than usual, but it's a joyful piece, as we are still in the Easter season, and I would like to introduce you to another famous piece by Widor.

I'll be back in the middle of June. While I'm away, my student and my colleague from UI will come to play. I wish you all a happy and blessed summer.

— Abby Chen



Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

Upcoming in Worship @ St. Andrew

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

- **Sermon:** Pastor Kyle Otterbein
- **After Worship:** No Scheduled Activity

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

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

May 28, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **After Worship:** Open House at the home of Rob & Dō Martin (851 Ryan Court, Iowa City)



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