

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. | July 30, 2023

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thought for Reflection

"Sociologists have a theory of the looking-glass self: you become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?" — **Philip Yancey**

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | Children of the Heavenly Father, arr. Cathy Moklebust

■ Call to Gather | adapted from a liturgy by Jo Wiersema

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

- Gathering Hymn | "Gather Us In," pgs. 6-7 (hymnal, #529)
- 母 Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace | adapted from a liturgy by Jo Wiersema

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world And withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Time for Silent Confession

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

₩ Musical Response | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me," pg. 5

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
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World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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!

Gospel Reading | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Time for Young Disciples | Emily Neddermeyer ਦੇ

₩ Hymn | "Be Thou My Vision," pg. 8 (hymnal, #859)

Second Reading | Romans 8:26-39

[☆] Following the Time for Young Disciples, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children's Area.

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The Message | Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | The Faithful Shepherd, by Carl Wiltse

★ Response to Our Offerings | "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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.

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- Sending Hymn | "God of Grace and God of Glory," pg. 9

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 Description:
- **⊞** Benediction

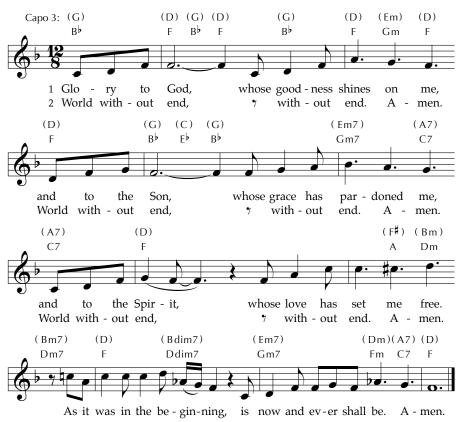
Postlude | God of Grace and God of Glory, arr. By Paul Manz

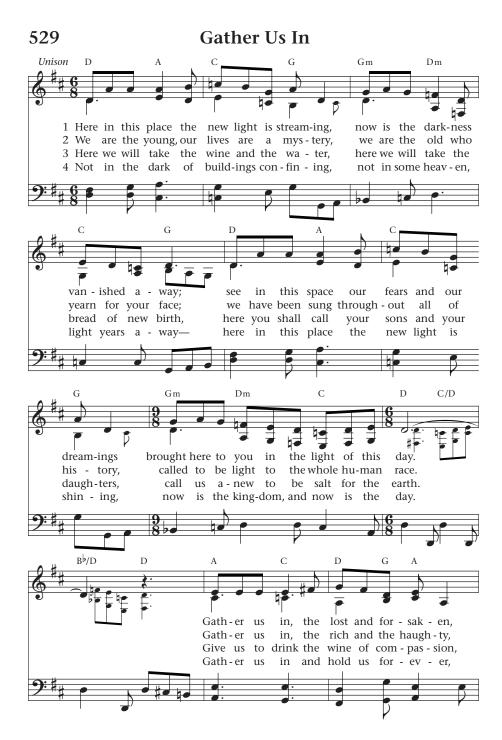
Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, pastor
Patti Benson, worship leader
Austen Wilson, director of music ministries
Summer Handbells | Laura Kastens, assistant director of handbell ministries
Abby Chen, organist & accompanist
Vocalists | Wes Habley, Angela Ibrahim-Olin, Ama Mothershed, Rob Mullins, and Nelda Wittig

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Karen Raynor, in loving memory of her husband Troy, who would celebrate his 80th birthday on Aug. 1.

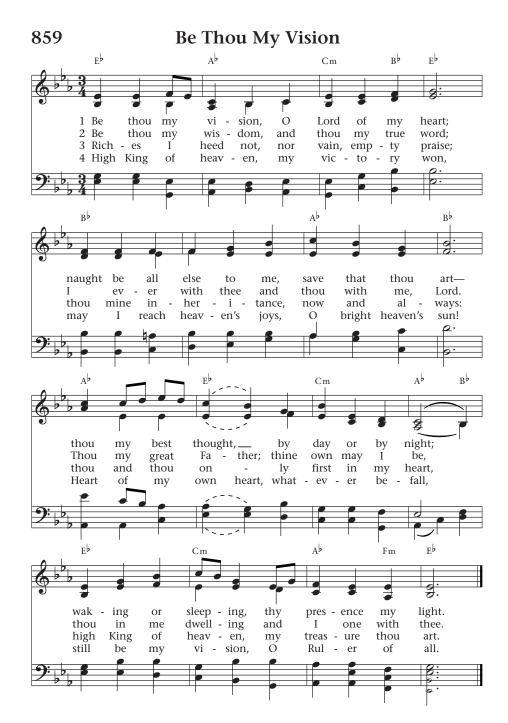
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me





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This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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 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.
- Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 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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Class of 2024: Cade Benson, Thomas Hartley, Sara Penn, Rebecca Schuchert, Beth Anne Pigge, and Doug Wildes

Class of 2025: Helen Bryce, Eric Goers, Jon Swearingen, Bruce Walker, and VACANCY.

Class of 2026: Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia İbrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, Gregs Thomopulos

Deacons

Class of 2024: Kathi Anderson, Katherine Habley, Cody Neddermeyer, Pam & Phil Karp, Jenni Wilcox, and Elizabeth Young

Class of 2025: Erika Law Tuttle, Pat Penn, Amy & Jason Schmidt-Rundell, Kathy & Dave Duys, & Dedi Walker

Class of 2026: Daniel Chappo, Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Jamie Tanas, and Mettie Thomopulos

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

Personnel Team (at large)

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

Nominating Team (at large)

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



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Upcoming in Worship @ St. Andrew

Today:

• Sermon: Pastor Kyle Otterbein

Music: Handbells

After Worship: Coffee & Conversation

Aug 6:

• Sermon: Pastor Kyle Otterbein

After Worship: Hymn (Madness) Sing

Aug 13:

Sermon: Pastor Kyle Otterbein

• After Worship: Coffee & Conversation

Aug 20:

• Sermon: Pastor Kyle Otterbein

After Worship: School Year Eve

Aug 27:

Prompting: Pastor Rob Martin

 After Worship: All Abilities Art Exhibition & Reception

Sept. 3:

Prompting: Pastor Rob Martin

• After Worship: Coffee & Conversation

Sept. 10:

Prompting: Pastor Rob Martin

 After Worship: Sunday School Field Day & Ministry Fair

Sept. 17:

Prompting: Pastor Rob Martin

After Worship:

Coffee with Leaders

Sunday School

 Adult Ed: "Eco-Choices: A Christian Ethnical Response to Climate Change," with Robert Traer (The Hub)