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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. | August 20, 2023

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City

School Year's Eve Sunday

9:30 a.m. | Aug. 20, 2023 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

"Religion has been defined as designed to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. We do well to think of the parables of Jesus as doing the afflicting. Therefore, if we hear a parable and think, 'I really like that' or, worse, fail to take any challenge, we are not listening well enough."

- Amy-Jill Levine

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Aria*, by Joseph Jongen

★ Call to Gather | from a liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott

Turn us, O God,

away from the world's temptations and distractions.

Return us, O God,

to the quiet calm of your presence.

Restore us, O God,

to the path you call us to follow.

Orient us, O God,

to the hope of all that is possible through you.

- 母 Gathering Hymn | "In Christ There Is No East or West," pg. 6 (hymnal, #268)
- Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace | from a liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy.

You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless.

But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways.

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 are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness.

Time for Silent Confession

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." In the name of 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. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. 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!

First Reading | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (Bible, pg. 921)

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

Time for Young Disciples | Thomas Hartley, director of children's and family ministries

Second Reading | Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

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

The Message | Rev. Kyle Otterbein

₩ **Hymn** | "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," pg. 7 (hymnal, #426)

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | Ubi Caritas, by Ola Gjeilo

(translation)
Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

★ Response to Our Offerings | "Doxology"

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.

★ Sending Hymn | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," pg. 8-9 (hymnal, #348)

■ Benediction & Blessing of the Backpacks

Postlude | Great Is Thy Faithfulness, arr. by Abby Chen



Give

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor* Kathi Anderson, *worship leader* Austen Wilson, *director of music ministry*

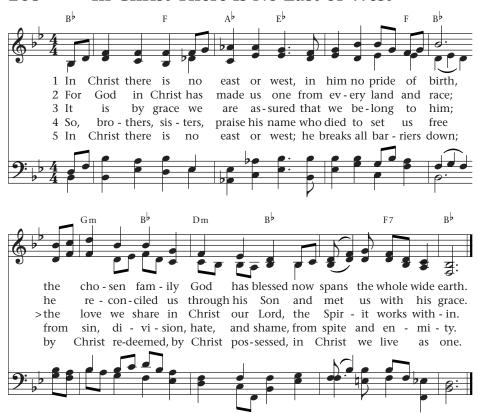
Abby Chen, organist & accompanist

Vocal Ensemble | Patti Benson, Michelle DeGroot, Taylor Dengler-Schlicher, Beth Dowd, Wes Habley, Ama Mothershed, Rob Mullins, and Nelda Wittig

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Paula and Mike McCue in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary at the end of the month.



268 In Christ There Is No East or West



German

1 In Christus ist nicht Ost noch West, nicht Süden oder Nord, nur eine groß' Geschwisterschaft die ganze Erde fort.

French

 Gens de tous pays, du sud au nord, vous êtes invités:
 De l'ouest à l'est, du sud au nord, accourez du monde entire.

Dutch

1 In Christus is noch west noch oost, in Hem noch zuid noch noord, één broederschap rust in zijn troost, één wereld in zijn woord.

Spanish

1 Orient ni_occidente hay, en Cristo_y su bondad, incluida en su_amor está la entera humanidad.

Korean

1 예수 안에는 동과 서 없네 주 안에 귀천 없네 주가 축복하신 백성들 온 세계에 퍼지네

Arabic

1 في المســيح لا شرق و لا غرب، فيــه لانفتخــــر بجنســنا العائلـــــة المختــــارة الـــتي بــار كهــا الله الأن تمـــلاً كل الــرض

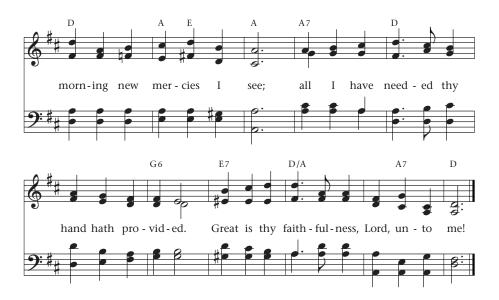


Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23



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Reminder of Upcoming Events

- School Year Eve & the Blessing of the Backpacks | After Worship | Today
- Pastor Rob Returns from Vacation | Aug. 21
- All Abilities Art Exhibit Reception | Aug. 27
- Music Ministry Ice Cream Social | Aug. 29
- Carpet Cleaning Throughout the Building | Aug. 30-31
- Sunday School Field Day & Ministry Fair | Sept. 10
- Mind Matters: A Mental Health Resource Fair | Sept. 16
- First Day of Sunday School Classes | Sept. 17
- Sanctuary Serves as Rain Site for UI Deeded Body Program Ceremony | Sept. 23
- Adult Ed: Eco-Choices: A Christian Response to Climate Change (taught by Robert Traer) | Sept. 17 Oct. 1
- Adult Ed: Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians (taught by David Timmer) | Oct. 8 Nov. 12
- St. Andrew hosts "On with Life"'s annual Continuing Education on Parkinson's Disease | Oct. 12
- Homemade with Heart: Holiday Craft Fair | Nov. 4
- Alternative Gift Market | Nov. 19
- "Lessons & Carols" and last day of Sunday School and Adult Ed for 2023 | Dec. 10
- Kids Christmas Pageant and "Cocoa & Carols" | Dec. 17
- Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Services
 - 9:30 a.m. | worship service for the fourth Sunday of Advent (Pastor Kyle preaching)
 - $_{\circ}$ 5 p.m. | a worship service mindful of children (keeping within 45 minutes)
 - 7 p.m. | a worship service with choir and organ and other musical groups (Pastor Rob preaching)
 - 11 p.m. | a worship service with communion & the ETC band

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

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 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

• After Worship: School Year Eve | Coffee with Leaders

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 Education

Upcoming in Adult Education Classes @ St. Andrew

Eco-Choices: A Christian Response to Climate Change | Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 | The Hub

• Robert Traer, a Climate Ambassador for Iowa City and author of the university textbook *Doing Environmental Ethics* (Routledge, third edition, 2020) will hold a three-week Adult Education class on Sundays after worship from Sept. 17 to Oct. 1.

Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians | Oct. 8 - Nov. 12 | The Hub

• **David Timmer**, a professor emeritus of Central College (and father to Becky Benson), will offer a six-week course on the theology and the enduring legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), whose ideas about Christian community, cheap and costly grace, moral responsibility, and the "non-religious" future of Christianity continue to challenge us in the present.