



9:30 A.M. | JANUARY 11, 2026

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

# Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*  
Becky Benson, *worship leader*  
Resound! Handbell Choir | Laura Kastens, *leader*  
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *leader*  
Julia Van Den Top, *organist & accompanist*  
Stacie Hoppman, *Camp Bear Creek*



# Sunday School & Learning Academy

- **PreK-Middle School Sunday School** resumes today following worship. Children are invited to return to their classrooms for a time of learning, storytelling, and growing together in faith.
- High school students and adults are invited to today's **Learning Academy** class, "**Open and Relational Theology**," led by *Aaron Shileny and Jeff Charis-Carlson*. This first session will review our previous conversations about God's uncontrolling love and an open future, and help prepare us for next week's Zoom conversation with theologian Thomas Jay Oord.



# Questions for Reflection

- Where do you notice yourself tuning things out—filling your days with noise, distraction, or certainty—because listening more closely might ask something of you?
- When a moment in your life feels like a storm that disrupts your plans, how do you tend to understand it: as failure, as punishment, or as an unexpected invitation from God?
- What does it sound like for you to sing or pray "Lead me, guide me" while still holding tightly to the direction you've chosen?
- Jonah's refusal affects everyone on the ship. Who else might be impacted—quietly or directly—by the calls you resist or delay?
- If God's grace keeps calling, seeking, and meeting us with mercy, what makes responding feel risky, and what might faith look like anyway?



# Bulletin Cover

- *Jonah: Chapter 1 (2026)*, by Lucy Charis-Carlson
- Acrylic paint on paper | 5.25" × 7.75"



# First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | January 11, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Amazing Grace*, arr. Sandra Eithun

**Call to Gather** | *adapted from Psalm 29*

Give all credit to the Eternal, O heavenly creatures;

**give praise for God's glory and power.**

Give to the Eternal the glory due the divine name;

**worship God with lavish displays of sacred splendor.**

We ask you, Eternal One, to give strength to your people;

**Eternal One, bless them with the gift of peace.**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Lead Me, Guide Me," pgs. 6-7 (*hymnal*, #329)

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Carl Anderson*

In today's world, it has become easy to hear something we're not interested in  
and choose to block it out, to ignore it, or to run in the other direction.

We curate our lives—and even our algorithms—to tell us only what we want to hear.

We become skilled at shaping stories that keep us at the center.

Yet God continues to call us toward a larger life.

Let us confess the ways we resist that call.

**Loving Creator, we confess that when we hear you calling,  
we sometimes pretend we didn't.**

**We confess how often we fill our lives with noise and distraction  
until we become incapable of hearing your voice.**

**We confess the many moments when we simply do not want to listen.**

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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.

**We confess that, even when we clearly hear your call,  
we are tempted to turn and go our own way.  
O God of Patience and Love, thank you for continuing to pursue us.  
We pray you never tire of speaking words of hope when we are discouraged  
and words of grace when we fall short.  
Give us ears to hear, hearts to trust, and courage to respond.**

In silence, we bring before God the confessions of our hearts.

*Time for Silent Confession*

Hear the good news:

Again and again, scripture reminds us that God's love is relentless.

God does not stop calling, does not stop seeking, does not stop meeting us with mercy.

**The love of God—through Jesus, the Christ—makes us whole again.**

✕ **Musical Response** | “Celtic 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!**

**First Reading** | Jonah 1:1-7 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Time for Young Disciples** | Camp Bear Creek †

**Second Reading** | Jonah 1:8-17 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Message** | Pastor Carl Anderson

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Here I Am, Lord,” pgs. 8-9 (*hymnal*, #869)

## Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

**Offertory** | *Guide My Feet*, arr. by Avis D. Graves

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “For the Fruit of All Creation,” vs. 2

**2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

## Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer** | *adapted from Luke 11:2-4 & Matthew 6:13 (The Voice)*

Father in heaven, may your name be revered.  
May your kingdom come. May your will be accomplished on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us the food we need for tomorrow.  
Forgive us for our wrongs, as we forgive those who wrong us.  
Lead us away from temptation, and save us from the evil one.  
But let Your kingdom be ... and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.



Give Online

✠ **Sending Hymn** | “When Peace Like a River,” pg. 10 (*hymnal*, #451)

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude** |

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✠ After the Time for Young Disciples, children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to head to the Lower Level Children's Area for children's programming.

# Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness. Be my  
 3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness  
 aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put - ting all  
 blind with - out Thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways let me

D.C.

Thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 my trust in Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995  
 Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, Irregular with refrain; Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995; harm. by Richard Smallwood, b.1948  
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## Here I Am, Lord

G C/G G C/G G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Refrain D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

G Am7 G/B Am/C

I have heard you call-ing in the night.

D G Gsus G C/E

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

G Am7 D7 G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

# OPEN AND RELATIONAL THEOLOGY

with Aaron Shileny  
and Jeff Charis-Carlson

A Learning Academy Class  
Jan. 11 & 18, 2026 | The Hub

## OPEN AND RELATIONAL THEOLOGY

AN INTRODUCTION  
TO LIFE-CHANGING IDEAS

THOMAS JAY OORD

ST. ANDREW  
MEN'S RETREAT  
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026

## THE VOYAGE WITHIN

SAILING THE WORLD WHILE LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL



# 840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

VILLE DU HAVRE  
 11.8.11.9 with refrain

TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt.  
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

# Gifted to Serve: Women's Retreat 2026

St. Andrew's annual **Women's Retreat** is coming soon (*Jan. 30-31*), and you are warmly invited to set aside time for renewal, connection, and encouragement. Rooted in the life of our community and shaped by faithful conversation, this retreat has been a space centered on women's voices and experiences—*while joyfully welcoming participants of every gender who feel drawn to this gathering*. If you are seeking rest, reflection, and meaningful connection, this weekend is for you.

This year's theme, "**Gifted to Serve**," invites us to explore how God equips each of us—through our stories, strengths, questions, and quirks—for lives of love and service in the world. Together, we will reflect on how our gifts take shape in everyday life: at home, at work, in the community, and within the church.

We are delighted to welcome **the Rev. Sarah Goettsch**, a longtime friend of St. Andrew, as our retreat leader.

Through teaching, guided reflection, and honest conversation, Pastor Sarah will help us consider what it means to "serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13). Whether you are feeling energized or exhausted, grounded or searching, this retreat offers room to breathe and be renewed.

As part of our time together, we will share in a group service project by collecting feminine hygiene products for St. Andrew's **February Food Market**. Participants are invited to bring items of their choosing to donate.

Our retreat begins Friday evening with a light meal and desserts, followed by fellowship and an opening session led by Pastor Sarah. On Saturday, we will gather for breakfast at 8:30 a.m., continue with teaching and small-group conversations, and conclude with a final time of reflection before sharing lunch together.

Register at [tinyurl.com/womens-retreat-2026](https://tinyurl.com/womens-retreat-2026). We hope you will join us.

— Nichole Hoffman

**Women's Retreat "Gifted to Serve"**  
with Sarah Goettsch  
*"Serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13)*



**Save the Date!**  
6-9 p.m. | Friday January 30, 2026  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Saturday January 31, 2026  
*Contact Nichole Hoffman or Amy Schmidt-Rundell with questions.*



To Register



Pastor Sarah Goettsch

# Questions about Worship?

- **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](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org) or fill out this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest>.
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online shortly before 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.
- **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**.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the **weekly offering** support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>.
- There are wheelchairs available for use as needed in the lower level entrance foyer and by the coat racks near the upper level entrance.
- There is an AED near the Coffee Kitchen should a medical emergency arise.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

## Upcoming Events

- **Learning Academy Resumes** | Today
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | Jan. 7
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 11
- **Next Steps** | Jan. 18
- **Session** | Jan. 22
- **Food Market** | Jan. 28
- **Women's Retreat** | Jan. 31
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | Feb. 4
- **At the Table** | Feb. 5
- **St. Olaf Band Concert** | Feb. 6
- **Congregational Meeting** | Feb. 8
- **Chili Cookoff & Souper Bowl Lunch** | Feb. 8
- **Pie for a Pint Blood Drive** | Feb. 15
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 18
- **Presbytery Leadership Meeting** | Feb. 24
- **Food Market** | Feb. 25
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** March 4
- **At the Table** | March 5
- **Night of 1,000 Dinners** | March 6
- **Men's Retreat** | March 7