



**9:30 A.M. | JANUARY 18, 2026**

**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY**

# Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*  
Scott Fisher, *worship leader*  
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*  
Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*



## Sunday School, Learning Academy & Next Steps

- **PreK-Middle School Sunday School** Children are invited 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**." Today's class includes a Zoom conversation with theologian Thomas Jay Oord. *The Hub*
- Curious about St. Andrew or wondering how to get more involved? Join **Next Steps**, a relaxed, welcoming class led by **Matt Moore** that introduces St. Andrew's life, values, and ministries. This is a helpful next step for newcomers to plug in more deeply — especially for anyone discerning official membership. *11:45 a.m. in the Conference Room (#128)*

## Questions for Reflection

- Where do you feel stuck right now?
- When Jesus asks, "*What do you want?*" what's your honest answer today?
- From what uncomfortable place in your life is a real prayer trying to rise?
- What—or who—is God asking you to truly *notice* right now?
- In light of Dr. King's witness, where are you being called to speak, act, or refuse to stay silent?

## Flowers on the bulletins

- Today's flowers are donated by Skip and Pat Wells in memory of their daughter, Lori Harrington.

## Bulletin Cover

- *Jonah: Chapter 2* (2026), by Lucy Charis-Carlson

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# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

9:30 a.m. | January 18, 2026  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

### Welcome + Announcements

### Prelude

#### Call to Gather | *adapted from Psalm 40*

I waited a long time for the Eternal;  
who *finally* knelt down to hear me,  
who listened to my *weak and whispered* cry.

**The Holy One reached down and drew me**  
**from the deep, dark hole where I was *stranded*, mired in the muck and clay.**  
**With a gentle hand, God pulled me out**

To set me down safely on a *warm* rock;  
God held me until I was steady enough to continue the journey again.

**As if that were not enough,**  
**because of God's Presence, my mind is clearing up.**

Now I have a new song to sing—  
a song of praise to the One who saved me.

**Because of what God's done, many people will see**  
**and come to trust in the Eternal.**

⌘ **Gathering Hymn** | “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land,” pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #138)

⌘ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *by Carl Anderson*

The patient love of God is always ready to meet us where we are.  
Confession reminds us that God does not seek our perfection.  
Let us authentically enter confession that we may meet the Divine in this moment.

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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.

God, meet me in this place ... in this moment.  
I know that I have turned away from you and chosen my own path.  
I know that you have spoken words of love that I choose to ignore.  
I know that you have called me to love others, yet I have remained silent.  
Forgive me.

God, meet us in this place ... in this moment.  
We know that we have turned away from you and chosen our own path.  
We know that you have spoken words of love that we choose to ignore.  
We know that you have called us to love others, yet we have remained silent.  
Forgive us.

God, meet us now in the silence as we confess privately.

*Time for silent confession.*

God's love is faithful from everlasting to everlasting.  
**In Jesus, the Anointed One, I am forgiven.**  
God's love is faithful from everlasting to everlasting.  
**In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven.**

✠ **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!**

**Gospel Reading | John 1:29-42 (*The Voice*)**

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

**Time for Young Disciples †**

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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.

**Sacrament of Baptism | Lucas Schuchert and Ruby Hebert**

**Second Reading | Jonah 2:1-10 (*The Voice*)**

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

**The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson**

✠ **Hymn of Reflection** | “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #665)

**Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents**

**Offertory** | *Total Praise*, arr. by Richard Smallwood

✠ **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.



Give Online

**Prayers of the People | Joys & Concerns**

**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.

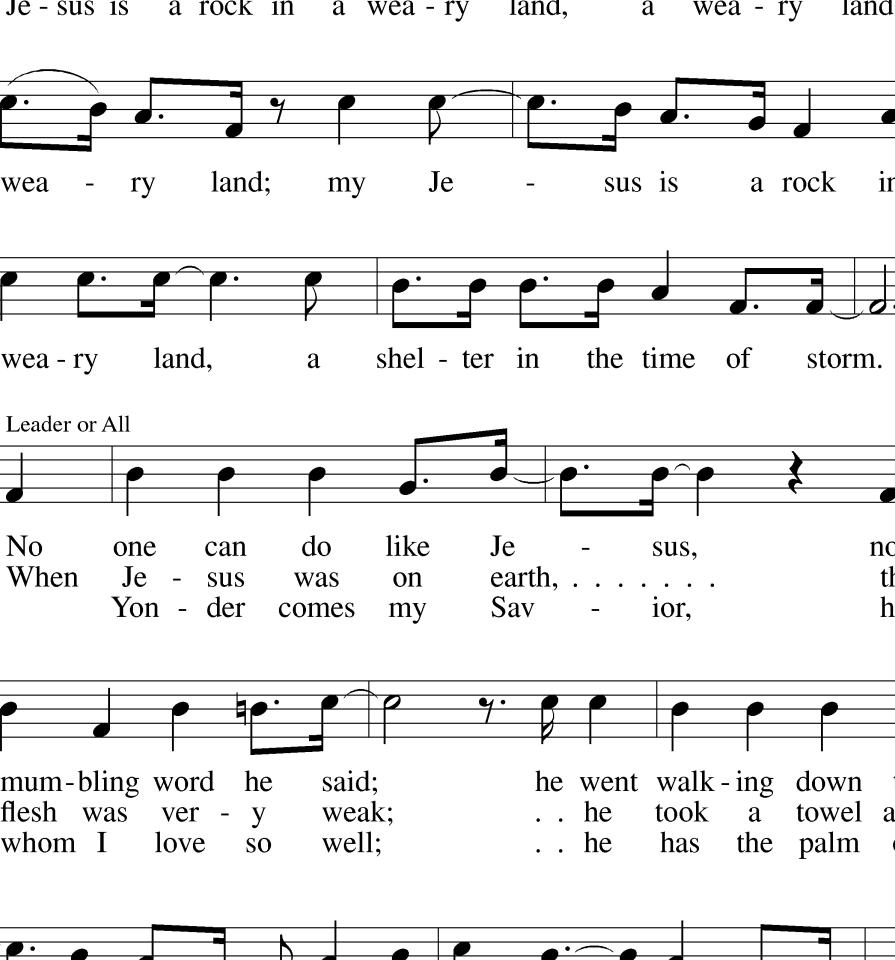
✠ **Sending Hymn** | “I'm So Glad,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #362)

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

*Refrain – All*



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 ed him - self and he washed his dis-ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
 lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."  
 the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
 I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and  
 found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

1 I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad

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Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me,

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I'm glad that

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sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

2 Satan had me bound;  
Jesus lifted me. . . .  
singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble,  
Jesus lifted me. . . .  
singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me.

Words and Music (JESUS LIFTED ME irregular): African American traditional; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

A photograph of a sailboat on the water, with the sun reflecting off the waves. Overlaid text includes "ST. ANDREW MEN'S RETREAT" and "SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026" in red, and "THE VOYAGE WITHIN" and "SAILING THE WORLD WHILE LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL" in white. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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**2026:** Chloe Goers, Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, and Gregs Thomopoulos

**2027:** Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

**2028:** Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Paula McCue, Judy Swafford, and Jon Swearingen

## **Deacons**

**2026:** Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmit Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopoulos and David Weitzel

**2027:** Jordan Barrett, Kathy & Dave Duys, Lynne Ginsberg, Cody Neddermeyer, and Jenni Stacy-Adams

**2028:** Laurel Crusinberry, Vern Dengler, Rick Graf, Cindy Seyfer, and Allison Van Iddekinge

## **Personnel Team (at large)**

**2026:** Twila Finkelstein | **2027:** Kent Short | **2028:** Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland

## **Nominating Team (at large)**

**2026:** Kyle Bernard, Paul Heidger, Toni Van Voorhis, and **VACANCY**

## **Finance Team (elected by Session)**

**Treasurer:** Emily Neddermeyer (**2026**); **Assistant Treasurer:** Michelle DeGroot (**2026**)

# Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday January 19, 2026

*An Invitation from Act Justly*

St. Andrew's church office will be closed on Monday (Jan. 19), and **Act Justly** invites members of the congregation to honor **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** by joining our wider community for a full day of service, across the Iowa City-Coralville area.

The day begins with a **MLK Day of Service** from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the Mercer Park Aquatic Center, in collaboration with the Black Voices Project. This family-friendly gathering includes volunteer opportunities with local organizations, music, presentations, and a shared community lunch. An optional community meetup and march begin earlier at **8:45 a.m.** at Eastdale Plaza.

From **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, community members may gather at the Iowa City Senior Center for a **Food Drive & Art Workshop**, featuring a potluck meal and a collaborative mural. This event is part of **Black Future Fest**, a month-long celebration of Afrofuturistic art and imagination.

At **2 p.m.**, **Act Justly** especially encourages St. Andrew members to attend the annual MLK celebration at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. This year's program, "*What Would Dr. King Say?*", includes music, poetry, and a keynote address by **Tiffini Stevenson Earl**, followed by a reception.

The day concludes at the Coralville Public Library with a **Volunteer Fair** (4:30–6:30 p.m.) and a **community reading of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech** (5:30–6:00 p.m.).

**Act Justly** hopes you will join us as we honor Dr. King through presence, service, and faithful action.



"Martin Luther King, Jr.", by Kelly Latimore. From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57100>. Original source: Kelly Latimore Icons, <https://kellylatimoreicons.com>.

# A Note on Today's Music Selections

In today's Scripture, we hear a clear movement from despair toward joy—a trajectory that is echoed in the music we sing together.

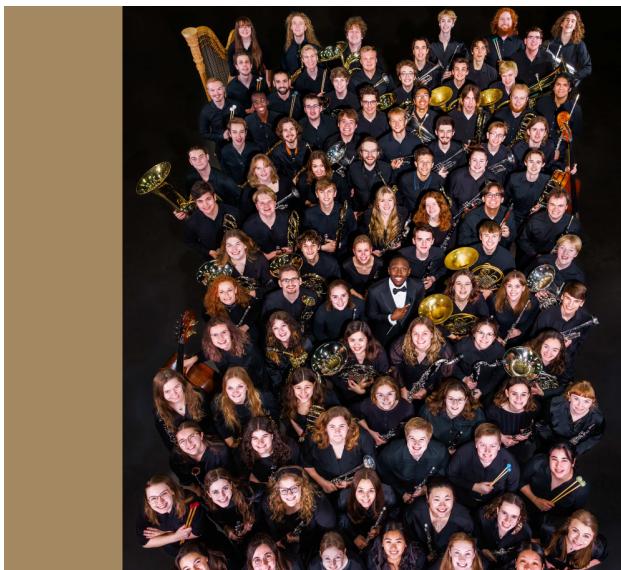
Our gathering hymn, "Jesus Is a Rock," began as a traditional spiritual and, over time, took on rhythmic features associated with contemporary gospel styles. Its message is one of steadiness and trust, yet the minor key and slightly slower tempo carry a hint of heaviness, reflecting a faith that holds fast even while weighed down by sorrow.

By contrast, our closing hymn, "I'm So Glad," is exuberant and full of joy, mirroring the final declaration of Jonah 2: "Deliverance belongs to the Eternal alone." The journey from lament to praise is not rushed—but it is real.

A second lens shaping today's music is both Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and the recent death of acclaimed composer Richard Smallwood, who died on December 30, 2025. Smallwood was an internationally respected composer and choral director, best known for his powerful gospel works. His anthem "Total Praise," sung today by the Logos Choir, has become a modern classic—offering words of trust that resonate deeply in times of uncertainty and hope alike.

While it is fitting to lift up music by Black composers during this weekend and during Black History Month, my hope is that such music is part of St. Andrew's regular musical life throughout the year—forming, sustaining, and enriching our worship in every season.

— Austen Wilson



 ST. OLAF BAND

7:30 p.m.  
Friday Feb. 6, 2026

- \$10 Adults/Seniors
- *FREE for Students and Educators*
- [stolaf.edu/tickets](http://stolaf.edu/tickets)

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## 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

- **Next Steps** | Today
- **Celebration of Life: Mark Martin** | Today
- **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
- **Screening: 'No Other Land'** | 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
- **Food Market** | March 25