

9 & 11 A.M. | APRIL 5, 2026

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*
Emily Neddermeyer (9 a.m.) and Twila Finkelstein (11 a.m.), *worship leaders*
Logos Choir and Brass Ensemble | Austen Wilson, *director*
Resound! Handbell choir | Laura Kastens, *director*
Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*



Bulletin Cover

- *Meet Me in Galilee* by Hannah Garrity
- 18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay



The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah! —Hannah Garrity



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love

Sunday School & Learning Academy

- There are no Sunday School or Learning Academy classes today. Instead, everyone is invited to the Easter potluck brunch from 8-11 a.m. in the MPR.
- Learning opportunities resume next week with our regular **Sunday School** classes for **Pre-K through Middle School**. High school students and adults are invited to a two-week Learning Academy class exploring the many mission projects and ministries connected to the St. Andrew community.
- Later in the spring, several Sundays will be devoted to celebrating the pastors who have shaped—and will shape—our life together: a farewell reception for **Carl Anderson (April 26)**, a celebration of ministry for **Rob Martin (May 3)**, and a welcome reception for **Jordan Warntjes (May 10)**.



STEWARDSHIP 2026



Easter Sunday

9 & 11 a.m. | April 5, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Easter Joy*, arr. by Michael Helman

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Sarah Speed*

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #188)

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

Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God.

The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God.

And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return.

Jesus rose again and immediately went to work

spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him.

So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God’s love at bay.

With that good news in mind, let us go to God in prayer,

trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.

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.

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.
We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.
We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.
We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid.
And we don’t know where to look.
And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.
We are best intentions and best laid plans.
We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”
We are on our way, but we are not there yet.
Show us how to embody your good news in this world.
Show us how to be your Easter people.
With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God.
Jesus died and rose for each one of us.
And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay.
So join me in this good news declaration:
**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.
This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God.**

✕ **Musical Response | “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” v. 5**

***5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.***

✕ **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!** †

† After the Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion, children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to head to the Lower Level Children’s Area for children’s programming.

Gospel Reading | John 20:1-18 (*The Voice*)

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

Epistle Reading | Philippians 2:1-11 (*The Voice*)

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

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✠ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Thine Is the Glory,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #187)

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*, arr. by Jeremy J. Bankson

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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!



Give Online

Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to our God.
Let us give thanks to the God who created us all.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music During Communion | *Canzon Per Sonare #2*, arr. by D. Marlatt

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.

✠ **Sending Hymn** | "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!," pg. 9

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Carillon de Westminster*, by Louis Vierne



February 18–April 5, 2026

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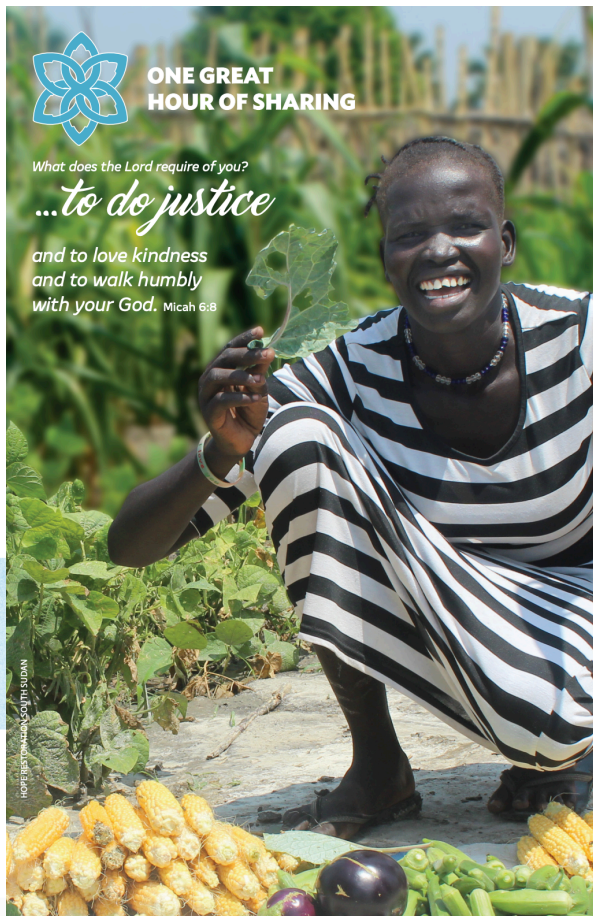
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188 Mfurahini, haleluya/Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

F/C F C7 Dm Gm F

Swahili 1 M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya, m - ko - mbo - zi a -
English 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice and praise him,
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its strength by
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Je - sus,

C F F/C F C7 Dm

me - fu - fu - ka. A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 al - le - lu - ia! For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 God was dis - persed. He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 who is not here. See for your - selves the tomb is all bare—

Gm F C F C

Refrain

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i. Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show. Let us sing praise to him
 on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

C7 F C C7 F

kwa fu - ra - ha. Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 with end - less joy; death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

F/C F C7 Dm Gm F C F

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya; Ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news:
 he's not in the grave;
 he has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be!
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant,
 heavenly king.
Refrain

Words: Bernard Kyamanywa (b. 1938) © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumbira, Tanzania, admin.
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 Music (MFURAHINI, HALELUYA 9.9.9.9) refrain 10.10.9.9; Tanzanian traditional, P.D.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

bod - y lay.
 lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;
 home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939), P.D.
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 refrain 5.5.6.5; George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), P.D.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C F C F C/G G7 C



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - ri - ous King; Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Music (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, P.D.

St. Andrew's Statement of Inclusion

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." — Romans 15:7

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created by God in God's image, and God found all of creation to be good. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into fellowship, especially those marginalized by society, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic status, marital status, family structure, country of origin, or immigration status. All are welcome to participate fully in the life of St. Andrew: worship, service, baptism, communion, membership, ministry, and leadership. To this end, we affirm that the covenant of marriage should be extended to any two consenting adults who seek to enter a marriage based upon love, responsibility, mutual respect, and trust in God's grace. We acknowledge that the Presbyterian Book of Order allows for each pastor to follow their own conscience as to whether they will perform a particular marriage service.

We recognize that the Christian church has historically condemned and excluded LGBTQ+ persons from the community of faith, and we assert that such actions are incompatible with the gospel of Jesus. We also acknowledge, and deeply regret, that St. Andrew Presbyterian's actions have at times caused harm to our relationships with members of the LGBTQ+ community, including members of our own congregation. As we continue to grow as a congregation and discern our path forward in God's love and grace, we seek to rectify these past wrongs and pursue justice for those who have been and continue to be oppressed. We commit to continue to learn and work toward ensuring that St. Andrew is a safe place where all people are welcomed and loved. — *Approved by the St. Andrew Session, June 2023*

Upcoming Events

- **Session** | April 16
- **Presbytery Meeting** | April 18
- **Handbell Concert** | April 18
- **Senior Moments** | April 21
- **Food Market** | April 22
- **Child-Led Service** | April 26
- **Pastor Carl Anderson's Final Sunday** | April 26
- **Guatemala Lunch Fundraiser** | April 26
- **Celebrating Pastor Rob Martin's Ministry** | May 3
- **Free Lunch** | May 6
- **Welcome of Pastor Jordan Warntjes** | May 10
- **Senior Moments** | May 19
- **Food Market** | May 27
- **Free Lunch** | June 3
- **Celebration of Life: Lee Witwer** | June 6
- **Stronghold** | June 7-12
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 14
- **Vacation Bible School** | June 15-19
- **Senior Moments** | June 16
- **Food Market** | June 24

Easter Flowers on the Chancel were donated by the following

Kathi & Mike Anderson

John & Patricia Benson & Family

- In memory of *Carroll & Helen Dimmick* and *Dr. Frank & Alice Benson*

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- In memory of *Linda Donelson*

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The Heidger Family

- In memory of *Barbara Heidger*

The Ibrahim-Olin Family

- in celebration of grandparents *Perinda & Taj Ibrahim* and *Pat & Bob Olin*

Pamela & Phil Karp

- In memory of *Cynthia Myers*

The Maxey Family | In memory of Jim Maxey Peggy Meyer

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Mary Schmidt | In memory of Rich Schmidt

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- In honor of *Mary Schmidt* and *Karla Schmidt*

Denise and Glen Schmitz

Kenneth & Joyce Schwarz

- In memory of *family and friends*

Denise Seabold and Family

- In memory of *Brian Seabold*

Kyle & Jessica Steele

- In memory of *Bump & Barb Elliott* and *Dick & Jeane Grant*

Sue Swearingen

- In memory of *George & Marian Swearingen*

Jan Taylor

- in honor of grandkids *Patrick, Cove, & Ryan*

Mettie & Gregs Thomopulos

Bruce & Dedi Walker

David Weitzel | In memory of his grandparents

Skip & Pat Wells | In memory of Lori Harrington

Jenny Wilcox and Brody Sobolik

- In memory of *loved ones who have died*

Questions about Worship?

- **Welcome!** Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are *delighted* to worship together.
- St. Andrew is an open, affirming, and inclusive congregation. That means we welcome saints and sinners, skeptics and believers, families of *all* shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey. So, whoever you are this morning, whatever you believe—whether you believe anything at all: *You are welcome here!*
- If you are here for the first time, we encourage you to stop by our Welcome Table or Information Kiosk near the main entrance in the Atrium. There you will find some good people who would love to answer any questions you might have about our faith community.
- If you can't stop at the Info Kiosk today, you can learn more about St. Andrew by emailing office@saintandrew-ic.org or filling 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).

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