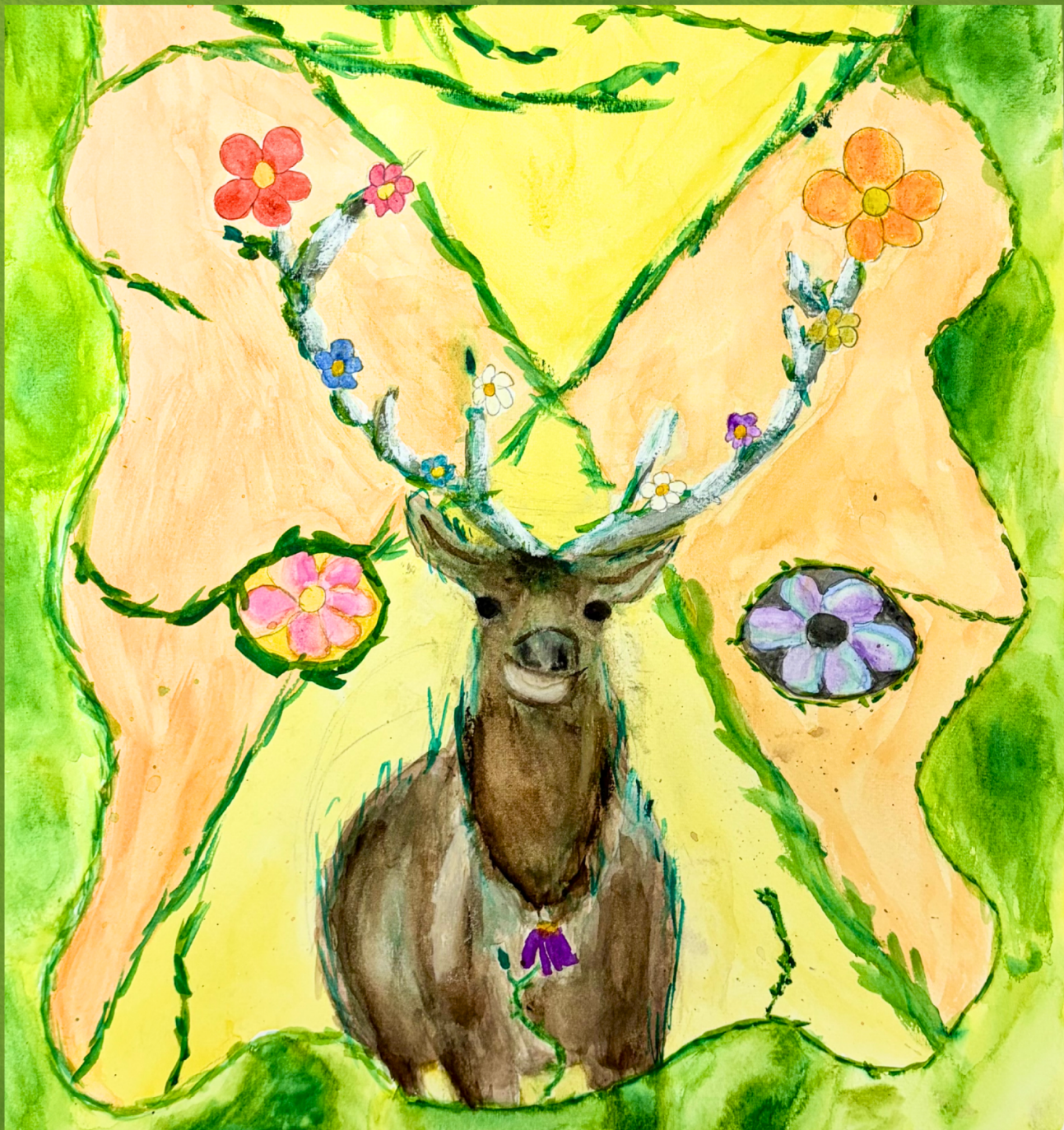




14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | July 5, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*

Becka Simpson, *worship leader*

Patti Benson, Tessera Rippentrop, and Austen Wilson, *vocalists*

Henry Giles, *guest pianist*



Bulletin Cover

- Today's bulletin cover features an original painting by 9-year-old Lydia Outterson-Murphy, daughter of St. Andrew member Sarah Outterson-Murphy and the Rev. Bobby Outterson-Murphy. Inspired by today's alternate lectionary reading, Song of Solomon 2:8–13, Lydia's brightly colored stag stands amid flowers bursting into bloom. In the biblical poem, the beloved arrives as winter gives way to spring and the whole earth comes alive.
- On this Independence Day weekend, during the nation's 250th anniversary year, the painting gently asks what kind of future we are growing toward. Song of Solomon imagines a world marked by beauty, relationship, and new life. It is a fitting companion to today's worship, which reminds us that God is always at work bringing hope from despair, healing from brokenness, and new life where we least expect it.



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love



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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.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | July 5, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Maia Peterson*

We gather to worship God as Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. We stand in awe of God's great love. In the beginning, God spoke the wild and wonderful world into being and said, "it is good."

**Through the incarnation, God once again said through Jesus' body,
"Though it is broken, it is good."**

And when the Anointed One comes again, the Eternal One will say forevermore, newly, "it is good."

We call upon the God of glorious tensions.

We call upon the God who stepped down to bring heaven to the unholy.

**We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to the One whose peace, goodness, power,
and love will always surpass our understanding.**

People of God, Praise the Lord!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #897)

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Maia Peterson*

God, in your love, you have given us life and hope.

Yet as individuals and communities we cling to the sin that enslaves us.

We are people who desire to belong.

**Forgive us for finding twisted belonging in communities of triumphal hate and exclusion
instead of at your table of welcome and love,**

Forgive us for finding our identity in who we fight against rather than the One we live for.

We are people who form our lives around stories.

Forgive us for making our stories too small:

for closing our eyes and our ears to the story of our hurting neighbor;

for limiting our understanding of the world's joy and pains,

We have made idols of our reason, our progress, and our priorities.

Forgive us and teach us that we cannot bring your kingdom by our efforts;

for believing that our way of worship and life is what will save the world instead of your work.

We are individuals who shape institutions in our likeness instead of forming our hearts around your love.

Forgive us for using your church as a justification for our inaction.

**Forgive us for believing we can follow you without tracing your steps of suffering,
without acting to liberate the oppressed and give hope to the captive,
without a sacrificial and practical resistance to the darkness in the world.**

We long for understanding and order.

**Forgive us when our misguided search for certainty becomes an instrument of domination,
when a thirst for simplicity leads to silencing voices
and enforcing uniformity in the name of unity.**

We are afraid.

But you have told us, do not fear.

Forgive us for cowering from the responsibility you have placed upon us.

**Forgive us for the fear that leads to despair, the despair that leads to inaction,
and the inaction that numbs our soul to what pains yours and enables injustice to thrive.**

We are broken.

**Forgive us for withholding the forgiveness that we have received
and infringing your authority as the only true and faithful judge.**

In your mercy, heal our hearts, renew our minds, and quicken our hands
to live out the new hope we have received.

Time for Silent Confession

Friends, take heart. This is the good news:

We know God loves us because, when we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Response | “Blessed Assurance,” vs. 1, pg. 9

✠ 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.

Old Testament Reading | Zechariah 9:9-10

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

Epistle Reading | Romans 8:1-11

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

The Message | *Broken Spirits, Broken Bodies*

✕ **Hymn of Response** | "In This Time of Great Reflection," vs. 1, 3, 4, and 5

**1 In this time of great reflection on two hundred fifty years,
We remember, as a nation, times we've prospered, times of tears.
"We shall be," a preacher told us, "as a city on a hill" —
not to praise us but to warn us: We've a duty to fulfill.**

**3 We recall our nation's story. Keep us honest, God above!
In our quest for wealth and glory, we have injured ones you love.
Through enslavement, through displacement, we have chosen ways of sin.
We've been violent. We've stayed silent. So our light of love stays dim.**

**4 Will we work for racial justice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
What is now the public witness that you call us to create?
As we celebrate our country, help us, Lord, to understand:
All of us must share the bounty and the goodness of the land.**

**5 In this time, O God, restore us to the land we're called to be —
where all people here among us know your blest community.
May we seek to be that city, not with pride but as a prayer.
May we love and serve you humbly, in our land and everywhere.**

*Tune: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835 ("Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy")
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Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Offertory | “Quia Respexit,” from *The Magnificat*, by J.S. Bach

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”, v. 5

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to be the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Celebration of Communion

Music During Communion

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“Eat This Bread”

Prayer After Communion | *adapted from a liturgy by Maia Peterson*

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, a
s 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** | “This Is My Song,” vs. 1 & 2, pg. 9

✠ **Benediction** | adapted from a liturgy by Maia Peterson

Creator God, you love us as we are and call us to who we will be.

May we live out the faith we have received, knowing that following you is a journey.

In this memory, remind us of the victory that you won and the fulfillment that is still to come.

May we live as people responsible for history,

discerning wisely the consequences of both our action and our inaction.

May we be people of forgiveness,

extending mercy to even our enemies,

**remembering that the line dividing good and evil runs through the heart of every person,
so that our actions may overcome and not enable sin and reflect your call to new life.**

Even in the midst of pain, injustice, and fear,

**may we guard joy, seek the beautiful, cultivate peace,
and practice beautifully unreasonable hope.**

May we learn to wait for your justice,

**watching for and participating in your work through history by standing where you stood –
in the darkness, with the oppressed, marginalized, and weak.**

Send us out now in courage and humility, to spread justice, love, and light.

Let us never forget that you go before and behind us, and that we belong to you.

Amen.

Postlude

Upcoming Events

- **Beer & Hymns @ Big Grove** | Monday
- **Installation of Pastor Jordan** | Next Sunday
- **Next Steps** | July 19
- **Food Market** | July 22
- **Guatemala Mission Trip** | July 25-Aug. 1
- **Synod School** | July 26-31
- **Free Lunch** | Aug. 5
- **At the Table** | Aug. 6
- **Big Table** | Aug. 7
- **Girls Rock!** | Aug. 10-14
- **Fields of Faith Harvest** | Aug. 15
- **Senior Moments** | Aug. 18
- **School Year's Eve** | Aug. 23
- **Food Market** | Aug. 26
- **Ministry Fair** | Aug. 30
- **Free Lunch** | Sept. 2
- **At the Table** | Sept. 3
- **Big Table** | Sept. 4
- **Office Closed (Labor Day)** | Sept. 7
- **Sunday School Kickoff** | Sept. 13
- **Celebrating All Abilities Sunday** | Sept. 13
- **At the Table** | Oct. 1
- **Big Table** | Oct. 2
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 4
- **Free Lunch** | Oct. 7
- **Fields of Faith Harvest** | Oct. 10

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Alternate tune: BEACH SPRING *see* 898

Words: Joseph Scriven (1820-1866), P.D.

Music (CONVERSE/ERIE 8.7.8.7 D): Charles D. Converse, 1866, P.D.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance: Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of *rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion: all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove echo - es of
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 good - ness, lost in his love.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*Used here in the sense of glory, ecstatic joy

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D.

Music (ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9 refrain 9.9.9.9): Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, P.D.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



INSTALLATION OF THE REV. JORDAN WARNTJES

2 p.m. | Sunday July 12, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Livestream: tinyurl.com/sapc-youtube



WHEN A NEW PASTOR BEGINS SERVING A CONGREGATION, THERE COMES A MOMENT WHEN THE WIDER CHURCH PAUSES TO CELEBRATE, PRAY, AND OFFICIALLY MARK THE BEGINNING OF THAT SHARED MINISTRY. IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.), THAT CELEBRATION IS CALLED AN INSTALLATION SERVICE.

ALTHOUGH THE REV. JORDAN WARNTJES WAS ELECTED BY THE CONGREGATION AND HAS ALREADY BEEN SERVING AS ST. ANDREW'S PASTOR, AN INSTALLATION SERVICE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S LEADING.

THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA WILL HOST PASTOR JORDAN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE AT 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY JULY 12, AT ST. ANDREW. WHILE THE SERVICE IS OFFICIALLY AN ACT OF THE PRESBYTERY, IT IS VERY MUCH A ST. ANDREW CELEBRATION. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR THIS NEW CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION.

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 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.
- **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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