



6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | July 20, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*

Scott Fisher, *worship leader*

Vocalists | Becky Benson, Patti Benson, Beth Dowd, Will Fecko,

Lisa Peperkorn, Nelda Wittig, and Austen Wilson

Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*

St. Andrew Free Lunch Team, *growing to serve*



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Cody and Emily Neddermeyer in celebration of their anniversary.

Bulletin Cover

- *Olive Trees Near Jerusalem* (circa 1925), by Abraham Neumann (1873–1942). Oil painting on canvas, on display in the National Museum in Warsaw, Poland. Image source: Wiki Commons.



**Johnson County
Interfaith Coalition**

Questions for Reflection

- Today's bulletin cover was inspired by this verse from the Psalm: "But my life is abundant—like a lush olive tree cared for at the house of the one True God." How does that vivid, flourishing image in the Psalm contrast with the earlier pleas for help and cries against injustice?
- The Psalmist goes on to say, "I put my trust in His kind love forever and ever; it will never fail." Which lines in today's hymns echo such enduring trust?
- The Sending Hymn includes the line, "In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever." How does your baptism help you remember your deep, lasting connection to God?



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New Guest Connection

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Thought for Reflection

“No one says to the olive tree: How beautiful you are!

But: How noble and how splendid!”

— Mahmoud Darwish, “The Second Olive Tree”

Welcome + Announcements

Big Day of Feeding (July 23) | Lunch Bunch, Food Market & Healthy Kids

Prelude | *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, by Max Reger

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy from Stephanie Sorge*

God calls us here to worship.

We carry many worries and are distracted by many things,

but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present.

Let's pause and take a deep breath.

We remember who we are:

We are the body of Christ.

We remember whose we are:

We are God's beloved children.

We remember our chief purpose:

To glorify and enjoy God forever.

Let us worship God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” pg. 7

v. 1: *Higher Voices (Sung Gently)* | v. 2: *Lower Voices* | vs. 3 & 4: *All*

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.

✠ **Prayer of Confession & Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Stephanie Sorge*

Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence.
Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together:

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.

**We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment,
but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world.**

We are distracted by our fears.

We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security.

Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity.

**We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities,
leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.**

**We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it
because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet,
learning what it means to follow him.**

We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.

**Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ,
in whose name we pray..**

Time for Silent Confession

This good news will not be taken away:

We are seen as God's beloved children,
holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus, the Christ.

Let us live into this good news: We are forgiven!

✠ **Musical Response** "Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives," v. 5

**All honor we give you, O help us to see,
your children are worthy to claim victory.
And so let our actions flow out of our praise,
to seek transformation, your Kindom to raise.**

✠ 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 | Luke 10:38-42

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

Time for Young Disciples †

✠ Hymn | "Beloved, I Have Blessed You," pg. 8

Psalm Reading | Psalm 52:1-9 (The Voice)

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

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Growing to Serve | Iowa City Free Lunch

Offertory | *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*, by Richard Farrant

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | "Give Thanks"

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"***



Give Online

† Children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to move down to the Lower Level Children's Area following the Time for Young Disciples.

Congregational Meeting

Motion: To elect Emmitt Schmidt-Rundell as a Deacon, Class of 2026.

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Lord's Prayer | *adapted from Matthew 6:9-14* (The Voice)

Abba, our father in heaven,
let your name remain holy.
Bring about your kingdom.
Manifest your will here on earth,
as it is manifest in heaven.
Give us each day that day's bread—no more, no less—
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive those who owe us something.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
But let Your kingdom be,
and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.

✠ **Sending Hymn** | "Go, My Children, with My Blessing," pg. 9

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Improvisation on "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*



366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



HYFRYDOL
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TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1831, alt.

BELOVED, I HAVE BLESSED YOU

NYLAND

Finnish melody

David Gambrell

adapt. David Evans, 1874–1948



1. Be - lov - ed, I have blessed you; you
2. Be - lov - ed, I have called you to
3. Be - lov - ed, yes, I know you: your
4. Be - lov - ed, I am with you; my



are my cho - sen one. My hand will al - ways
show my reign on earth, for I am your sal -
stub - born - ness and shame. You shat - ter my com -
word is al - ways true. With heav - en as my



guide you un - til your work is done.
va - tion, the rock who gave you birth.
mand - ments, you mock my ho - ly name.
wit - ness I pledge these things to you.



No e - vil will de - stroy you, no
For - ev - er I will keep you; my
Yet I will not for - sake you; I'm
The sun will burn to em - bers, the



en - e - my pre - vail; my faith - ful - ness is
cov - e - nant is sure. My stead - fast love sur -
read - y to for - give. My prom - ise stands un -
moon will wax and wane; my love will nev - er



end - less, my love will nev - er fail.
rounds you while time and space en - dure.
bro - ken— re - turn to me, and live.
leave you, my prom - ise will re - main.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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

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: Daniel Chappo, Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmit Schmit-Rundell (nominated), Jamie Tanas, and Mettie Thomopulos

2027: Kathi Anderson, Jordan Barrett, 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, Hillary Chappo, Paul Heidger, and Toni Van Voorhis

St. Andrew's Big Day of Feeding (Wednesday July 23)

On Wednesday July 23, St. Andrew will host three big food distribution programs in a single day, and we need dozens of volunteers to help feed our neighbors. Here are opportunities to help:

Summer Lunch Bunch

We serve a cold lunch to about 100 children each day. Help needed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

- **Sign up here:** <https://tinyurl.com/lunch-bunch-july>
- **Location:** Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center, 2651 Roberts Road, Iowa City (off Mormon Trek, near Fareway)
- **For more details:** lunchbunch@saintandrew-ic.org



Monthly Food Market

About 500 families visit our monthly food pantry. Help needed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/food-market-july>

Location: Lower Level at St. Andrew

For more details: foodmarket@saintandrew-ic.org



Healthy Kids Iowa

This program by Iowa's Department of Health and Human Services provides food to qualifying families (those with children between 4 and 18 years old, and who meet income guidelines). Help needed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/healthy-kids-july>

Location: Upper Level/Main Entrance at St. Andrew

For more details: heatherwoodin@msn.com



Upcoming Events

- **Jazz Brunch Potluck** | Today
- **Next Steps Class** | Today
- **Food Market & Healthy Kids** | July 23
- **Farewell Reception for Myrna Farraj** | July 27
- **Presbyterian Youth Triennium** | July 28-31
- **Worship Reflections** | Aug. 3 & 10
- **Meetup @ the Lavender Farm** | Aug. 6
- **At the Table** | Aug. 7
- **School Year's Eve** | Aug. 24
- **Pedals & Pipes: An Organ Adventure for Kids** | Aug. 24
- **Food Market** | Aug. 27
- **Start of Choir & Bells** | Sept. 3
- **At the Table** | Sept. 4

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 fill out this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest>.
- If you are visiting with us for the first time, please stop by our **Information Kiosk** in the Atrium. We have a small gift for you, and we'd love to answer any questions you may have! *(Also look for anyone wearing an ASK ME name tag.)*
- 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** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the **weekly offering** support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- 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 in the Atrium 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).

