



ST. ANDREW @ THE MOVIES 6
'WE BOUGHT A ZOO'
9:30 A.M. | AUG. 16, 2026

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*

Scott Fisher, *worship leader*

Patti Benson, Michelle DeGroot, Wes Habley, Laura Kastens, Rob Mullins,

Pat Penn, and Paul Penn, *vocalists*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*

Wendy Lindberg, *time for young disciples*



Bulletin Cover & Sermon Series

- The faces on this week's bulletin cover — tiger, wolf, lion, monkey, leopard, and peacock — have a way of drawing us in. The photos come from England's Dartmoor Zoo, the real-life zoo whose improbable rescue inspired *We Bought a Zoo*, today's film in the **St. Andrew @ the Movies** series.
- At first glance, *We Bought a Zoo* sounds like a story about saving animals. It turns out to be a story about grief. It is about what happens when loss leaves us standing before broken places, unsure whether they can ever be made whole again. Yet grief has a way of clarifying what matters most. It teaches us what is still worth loving.
- As shown in today's scriptures, Nehemiah's rebuilding began not with bricks, but with sadness of heart. Before he asked for timber, he wept for a city he loved. Before anyone carried a stone, someone carried a burden. Perhaps that is where every act of restoration begins: with the quiet courage to care, and with the grace to discover that no one is asked to rebuild alone.



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are from **Lettuce Feed Others**. To volunteer to help cultivate the garden's blooms and produce, contact lfo@saintandrew-ic.org.

Sunday School & Learning Academy

- The 2026-27 program year begins Aug. 30 with a **Ministry Fair and Field Day**. Classes for **Sunday School** and the **St. Andrew Learning Academy** will begin Sept. 13.



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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.

St. Andrew @ the Movies 6

9:30 a.m. | August 16, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Prayer | “Come Bring Your Burdens to God,” pg. 6

✠ **Call to Gather** | by Jeff Charis-Carlson

Some of us come carrying dreams that have grown too large to ignore.

Some of us arrive carrying burdens that have become too heavy to bear alone.

Scripture reminds us that God is always in the business of rebuilding broken places.

Sometimes those places are cities.

Sometimes they are relationships.

Sometimes they are our own hearts.

So come.

Bring your hopes.

Bring your questions.

Bring your courage and your weariness.

God has gathered us because restoration is never a solo project.

Let us worship God.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Be Still My Soul,” pg. 8-9

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | by Jeff Charis-Carlson

When life falls apart, it is tempting to believe we have to put everything back together ourselves.

We hide our struggles.

We resist asking for help.

We convince ourselves that strength means carrying every burden alone.

Yet Christ calls us into another way:

to a community where we discover how grace is stronger than pride.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

✠ If you are comfortable and able, you are invited to remove your shoes in this moment, or simply take a breath and ground your feet firmly into the floor.

Merciful God, too often we mistake independence for strength.
We cling to burdens we were never meant to carry alone.
We overlook neighbors who need encouragement.
We ignore places longing to be restored.
Forgive us.
Give us courage to ask for help ... from you and from each other.

Time for Silent Confession

Hear the good news: God does not wait until every wall has been rebuilt before drawing near.
God's grace meets us in the middle of the work:
in half-finished projects and in uncertain futures.
In Christ Jesus we are invited to forgive and to help restore one another.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Response | “Blessed Assurance,” vs. 1

**1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long***

✠ 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!**

Old Testament Reading | Nehemiah 2:1-8

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

Time for Young Disciples

✠ 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.

The Message | “We Bought a Zoo”

✠ Hymn of Response | “Healer of Our Every Ill,” pg. 7

(refrain, all; v. 1, vocalists; v. 2, organ side; v. 3, window side; vs. 4, all)

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Offertory | *In All Our Grief*, by Sylvia G. Dunstan

Response to Our Offering | “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”, v. 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.

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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, as 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 | “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

✠ Benediction

Postlude | *All My Hope on God Is Founded*, by Michael Burkhardt

You are invited to remain seated through the postlude, allowing this final offering to complete our worship.

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God 851

Woza nomthwalo wakho

Leader
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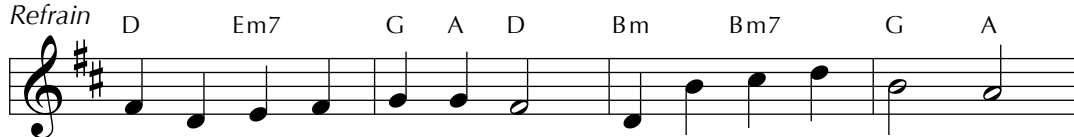
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Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your
Wo - za nom-thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom-
come, bring your bur - dens; O come, bring your bur - dens.
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U -
(except last time)
Je - sus will nev - er say
Je - sus will nev - er say no.
ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.

A great strength of music from southeastern Africa is that it usually emerges from communal life, and in singing such songs we unite our sung prayers with those of the people who created them. This one is based on the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation in South Africa.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick, 2008
MUSIC: South African melody; arr. Welile Sigobi, 2008
English Trans. and Music Arr. © 2008 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO
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795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

819

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

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

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Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Upcoming Events

- **Senior Moments** | Aug. 18
- **School Year's Eve** | Aug. 23
- **Food Market** | Aug. 26
- **Ministry Fair** | Aug. 30
- **Food Ministry Gathering** | Sept. 1
- **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
- **Senior Moments** | Sept. 15
- **Food Market** | Sept. 23
- **At the Table** | Oct. 1
- **Big Table** | Oct. 2
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 4
- **Free Lunch** | Oct. 7
- **Dane Farm Hay Ride** | Oct. 10
- **Fields of Faith Harvest** | Oct. 10
- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 20
- **Trunk or Treat** | Oct. 25
- **Food Market** | Oct. 28
- **All Saints Sunday** | Nov. 1
- **Free Lunch** | Nov. 4
- **At the Table** | Nov. 5
- **Craft Fair & Minds Matter** | Nov. 7
- **Senior Moments** | Nov. 17
- **Food Market** | Nov. 18

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.



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MEETUP @ BIG GROVE BEER & HYMNS | AUGUST 17

SENIOR MOMENTS MINISTRY

10:30 am. | Tuesday August 18, 2026

LOCAL
SCAMS &
WHAT TO
DO ABOUT
THEM

with
Heritage
Area Agency on Aging

Coffee in the Atrium



SCHOOL YEAR'S EVE

After Worship | Aug. 23, 2026

HELLO
my name is



Ushers & Greeters Needed

tinyurl.com/sapc-ushers-greeters



2026 Ministry Fair

after worship | Aug. 30



Here's the Scoop!
* We Love our Volunteers!



All St. Andrew Food Ministry Volunteers are invited to a build-own-own sundae party.

7 p.m. | Sept. 1 | The Atrium

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**, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>. (*We are fixing our connection to the Google Play Store.*)
- 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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