



10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | August 17, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*
Paul Heidger, *worship leader*
Trombone Ensemble

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Elizabeth Rowland: "In thanks for my loving family."
- If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday morning worship, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-flowers>, contact office@saintandrew-ic.org, or speak with someone at the Information Kiosk in the Atrium.

Bulletin Cover

- Photo of a painted biclinium (two-benched dining room) featuring a delicate tracery of vines with bunches of grapes hanging from the branches, early First Century C.E., Little Petra, Jordan. Source: Wiki Commons.

Questions for Reflection

- The hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" proclaims God's unchanging mercy "morning by morning," yet today's gospel urges us to "interpret the urgency of this present moment." How do we stay steady in trust while also answering God's urgent calls for change?
- Psalm 80 pleads for God's protection, especially in its final verse: "Turn the light of Your face upon us so that we will be rescued from this sea of darkness." How does that plea connect with the hymn line, "In days of darkness give us faith and confidence in you so we may walk with trust and hope to serve no one but you"?
- Psalm 80 also reminds us we are grafted from elsewhere and nurtured where planted. The hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" traces a pilgrim's journey to safe arrival. How have you been nurtured at St. Andrew—and how might you help newcomers find that same welcome and care?



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New Guest Connection

The 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. | August 17, 2025
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude | “The Right Hand of God,” arr. by Abby Chen

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Virginia Bairby*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your strength and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

Turn again, O God of Hope; look down from heaven and see.

Restore us, Divine One; let your face shine, let your faithfulness nourish.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #348)

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

Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail.

But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God.

Trusting Christ’s grace, let us confess our sin together:

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love.

You call us to step forward in radical faith,

but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial.

You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times.

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.

**Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good
and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular.
Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead.**

Time for Silent Confession

Friends, look around!

We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners.

The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness
and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship.

Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✠ **Musical Response** | “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠ **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 12:49-56 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples †

⌘ Hymn | “Eternal God of Hope and Light,” pg. 8 | v. 1: Vocalists, vs. 2-4: All

Psalm Reading | Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (*The Voice*)

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Be Thou My Vision*, arr. by Todd Hill

⌘ Response to Our Offerings | “All Together in God’s Presence”



Give Online

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Lim Swee Hong

All Together in God's Presence

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

All to - geth - er in God's pres - cence we are gath - ered here to - day.

Now u - pon his ho - ly u - nion for God's bless - ing let us pray.

Thank you, God for all you give us, all that's faith - ful, good, and true.

Life and love are your cre - a - tion. We are here be - cause of you.

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Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

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

Prayers of the People

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** | “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.” pg. 9

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Just a Closer Walk*, arr. by Mike Forbes

Note about Our Current Musical Responses

We've recently switched up the responses for the Confession and the Offertory. Every six to eight weeks—depending on the season—we make these changes so that each response has time to sink in, while also giving us liturgical, emotional, and musical variety throughout the year.

Our current response, “All Together in God’s Presence,” was composed by Dr. Lim Swee Hong, director of the Master of Sacred Music Program at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. A native of Singapore, Dr. Lim brings a deep passion for Asian church music to his work. This particular response reminds us that all we have flows from God and invites us into a prayer of gratitude for God’s abundance.

I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Lim at the 2024 Worship and Music Conference in Montreat and was struck by his creativity, his fresh perspective, and his sheer zest for life. His music carries that same joyful spirit. — *Austen Wilson*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

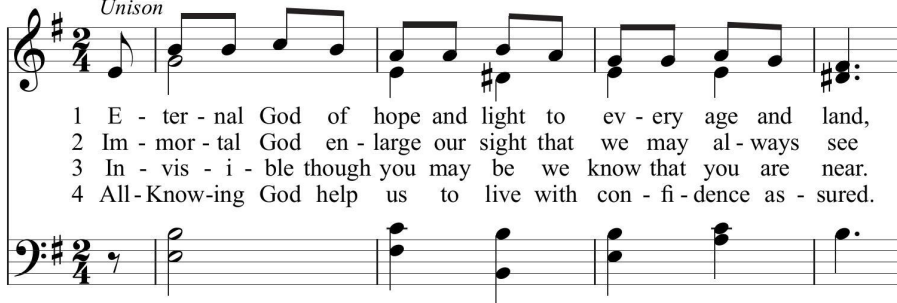
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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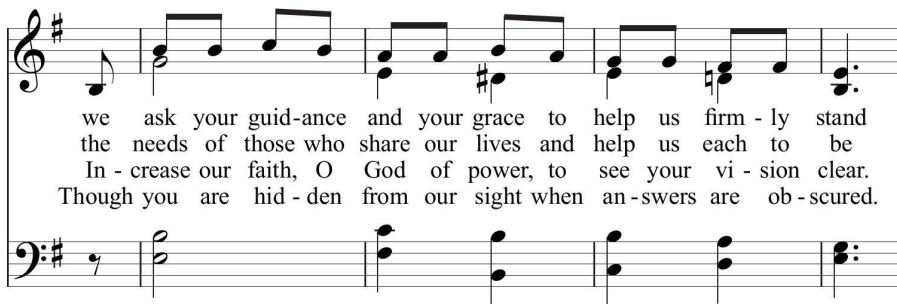
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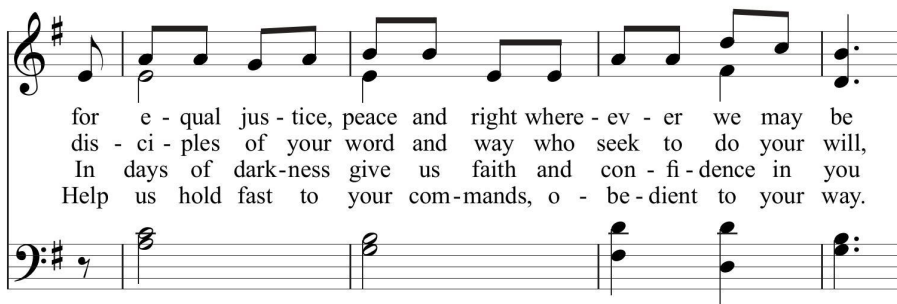
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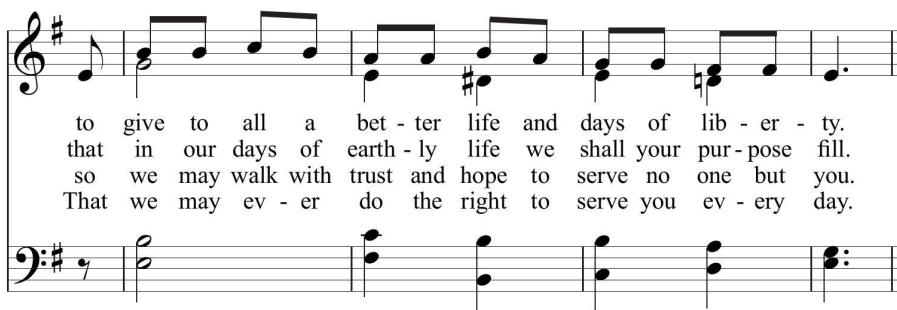
1 E - ter - nal God of hope and light to ev - ery age and land,
 2 Im - mor - tal God en - large our sight that we may al - ways see
 3 In - vis - i - ble though you may be we know that you are near.
 4 All - Know - ing God help us to live with con - fi - dence as - sured.



we ask your guid - ance and your grace to help us firm - ly stand
 the needs of those who share our lives and help us each to be
 In - crease our faith, O God of power, to see your vi - sion clear.
 Though you are hid - den from our sight when an - swers are ob - scured.



for e - qual jus - tice, peace and right where - ev - er we may be
 dis - ci - ples of your word and way who seek to do your will,
 In days of dark - ness give us faith and con - fi - dence in you
 Help us hold fast to your com - mands, o - be - dient to your way.



to give to all a bet - ter life and days of lib - er - ty.
 that in our days of earth - ly life we shall your pur - pose fill.
 so we may walk with trust and hope to serve no one but you.
 That we may ev - er do the right to serve you ev - ery day.

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MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Upcoming Events

- **At-Church “Home Stretch Check In”** | Today
- **In Worship Congregational Meeting** | Aug. 24
- **School Year’s Eve** | Aug. 24
- **Pedals & Pipes** | Aug. 24
- **Food Market** | Aug. 27
- **“Harvest of Gratitude”: A Volunteer Celebration Potluck** | Sept. 2
- **Choir & Bells Resume** | Sept. 3
- **At the Table** | Sept. 4
- **Ministry Fair** | Sept. 7
- **All Abilities Art Exhibit** | Sept. 7
- **Sunday School & Learning Academy Classes Resume** | Sept. 14
- **Senior Moments** | Sept. 16
- **Next Steps Class** | Sept. 21
- **Food Market** | Sept. 24
- **At the Table** | Oct. 2
- **Compeer Concert** | Oct. 3

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Elders

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: Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmit Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos and David Weitzel (nominated)

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, Hillary Chappo, Paul Heidger, and Toni Van Voorhis

Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form

- ☐ Please use my existing EFT account information for my 2022-25 commitment.
- ☐ I would like to use EFT for my giving. Please use my new account information below.
- ☐ I will be pledging online : <https://tinyurl.com/owe-nothing-but-love>

Name(s) _____

I/we authorize St. Andrew Presbyterian Church to electronically transfer funds from the checking or savings account of the financial institution named below to the account of St. Andrew. This authority is to remain in effect until St. Andrew has received written notification of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Andrew and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Amount per payment period: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Signature: _____

Beginning Date for Withdrawals: _____

Payment Period (select one)

- ☐ 1st of each month
- ☐ 16th of each month
- ☐ 1st and 16th of each month
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Annually

(please include a voided check)



Dear St. Andrew Family,

You're invited **today** to a special *at-church* version of our Home Stretch Check-In conversations—**10:45–11:45 a.m., in Conference Room (#128)**. Pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee, and join your St. Andrew family for an hour of stories, vision, and honest conversation about where we've been, where we are, and where God is leading next.

These gatherings—normally held in members' homes—are relaxed, welcoming, and full of good energy. They're a place to celebrate what God has been doing in and through our congregation, to hear about the next steps for our ministry, and to ask your questions in an open, informal setting.

It's been quite a journey to get here. Years ago, we dreamed boldly of creating a campus that would welcome all for worship, learning, outreach, and community life. With God's provision and your generosity, that vision became reality. Our buildings hum with life—music in the sanctuary, learning in classrooms, fellowship in gathering spaces. And the mortgage that began at \$5.8 million? It's now down to \$1.8 million.

That's a milestone worth celebrating—but also a moment to look ahead with fresh commitment. The "home stretch" isn't just about paying off a loan; it's about freeing resources for mission, expanding what we can offer our community, and ensuring St. Andrew thrives for generations to come.

Whether you've already pledged, are still considering your involvement, or simply want to be part of the conversation, this gathering is for you. Every voice matters. Every gift moves us forward.

Come for the updates, stay for the stories, and leave inspired for what God will do next.

— St. Andrew's Stewardship Team

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This is my/our pledge to the Capital Campaign at St. Andrew for 2025-28: \$ _____.

Trusting in God's Abundance, I/we plan to give: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐ One-Time

Comments/Questions/Prayer Requests:

Name (please print)

Email

Address

Phone

City, State, Zip

☐ check here if your information
has changed since last year

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 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).

