

An abstract painting featuring bold, expressive brushstrokes. The upper portion is dominated by vibrant blue and teal hues, with streaks of bright yellow and white. Below this, the composition transitions into darker, more textured areas of brown, grey, and muted green. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and layered depth.

# All Abilities Celebration Sunday

9:30 a.m. | Sept. 7, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

# Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*

Ava Jones, *speaker*

Kathi Anderson and David Weitzel, *worship leaders*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Abby Chen, *organist and pianist*

Pat Penn, *flute*



## Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given Sharon and Lynn Fogleman: "In gratitude to God for summer highlights: for our daughter Joella's wedding to Keashaun Hayes (July 11); for all eight of our grandchildren spending time together this summer; and for good health on our 40th anniversary (Sept. 1)!"



**Johnson County  
Interfaith Coalition**

## Bulletin Cover

- One part of a multi-section painting by Lucy Charis-Carlson based on the theme of this year's All Abilities Celebration Art Exhibit, "Unique Creation."

## Questions for Reflection

- Jesus says discipleship "will cost you everything." What barriers—social, physical, or spiritual—do we cling to because we fear the cost of tearing them down?
- The hymns call us to risk hostility, embrace difference, and learn from every body. Where have you resisted this call—choosing comfort over courage—and what would it look like to step into that risk today?
- If God's holiness is revealed in difference and limitation, how does that challenge our obsession with perfection, independence, and control? What would change if we believed weakness is sacred ground?
- We are sent out with both joy and unfinished work—ramps built, stigmas still lingering. What is one "light" you carry that could help dismantle a barrier this week? And who might be waiting for that light to shine in their direction?



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**New Guest Connection**

# All Abilities Celebration Sunday

9:30 a.m. | September 7, 2025  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

## Thought for Reflection

"I refuse to be ashamed of my disabled body because it displays the crucified Christ. It is twisted and twitchy and tired, but it is triumphant."

– Amy Kenney, *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice and the Church*

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Search Me, O God (Psalm 139)*, by I-to Loh, arr. by Abby Chen

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Rob Martin*

Come, beloved community ... broken and beautiful, bold and becoming.  
Gather with grace in this space where every body belongs.

**We come with differences and dignity, with needs and gifts,  
seeking a space where access is holy and all are honored.**

Christ calls not the "perfect" but the persistent, not the "abled" but the authentic.  
In every challenge, Christ is present. In every voice, God is vibrant.

**We bring our mobility and mystery, our strengths and struggles,  
our voices and silence, our frustrations and faith.**

This is sacred space for wheelchairs and walkers,  
for neurodiverse minds and nonverbal prayers,  
for those who stumble and those who soar.

**Let this worship be a revolution of welcome,  
where barriers fall, and the Body of Christ is whole.**

**Let us worship the God who creates without condition,  
calls without caution, and celebrates every soul.**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Will You Come and Follow Me?," pg. 8

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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.

✠ **Prayer of Confession & Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | adapted from a liturgy by Teri McDowell Ott

The path of faithfulness is oftentimes difficult and full of obstacles of our own making.  
Let us humbly approach the God who calls and creates,  
confessing the sins that turn us away from new life in Christ.

**Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies.  
Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits.  
We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides.  
Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

Friends, our God restores us, resurrects us, and grants us new life in Jesus, the Christ.  
Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom. **Amen.**

✠ **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! †**

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



Gospel Reading | Luke 14:25-33 (*The Voice*)

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

✠ **Hymn** | “All Are Welcome in God’s Embrace,” pg. 9 †

Psalm Reading | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (*The Voice*)

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**The Message** | Ava Jones and Pastor Carl Anderson

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

**Offertory** | *Simple Gifts*, by Ricky Lombardo

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



Give Online

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Lim Swee Hong

All Together in God’s Presence

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.

† Written by Pastor Rob Martin, who now fully embraces his low-vision challenges. “This hymn is dedicated to Mateo Anderson who taught me (and continues to show me) that NOTHING is impossible when you are loved and held up by a community striving to be Christ’s presence here and now!”

## 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

“Eat This Bread” (*hymnal*, #818)

*Psalm 139*, by Allen Pote

### Prayers of the People and Litany of Access & Inclusion | *adapted by J.J. Flag*

Our God who is disabled, holy are your differences.

**May your work of inclusion be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Grant us access in all the ways we need.

**And forgive us for excluding others, as we forgive those who exclude us.**

Keep us away from the temptation of believing we're not enough

**and deliver us from the evils of ableism.**

God, in you we find community, welcome, and belonging;

**now and forever. Amen.**

### Sending Hymn | “This Little Light of Mine,” pg. 10 (*hymnal*, #930)

### ✠ **Benediction** | *adapted from a litany by Bekah Maren Anderson*

As we leave this place, let us celebrate the work we have done:

the ramps that connect us,

the elevators that uplift us,

the conversations that help us know more deeply how God is present with us,

reflected in a diversity of body and minds.

**God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

And we realize that there is always more to be done.

Our physical access has not accounted for everybody.

Our communication access has not accounted for every mind.

Our attitudes and theologies remain shaped by a culture that does not love disabled body and minds, and untangling those beliefs is the work of a lifetime.

**God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

We are not perfect. But we are not called to be perfect.

We are called to love our neighbor, and to recognize when our attempts at love have gone astray.

We are called to live deeply, fully, grounded in our own body and mind, and reaching out to the unique body/mind of those who share this life with us.

**God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

Let us rejoice in the continued work of access!

Let us rejoice that there are more ways than we know to love one another!

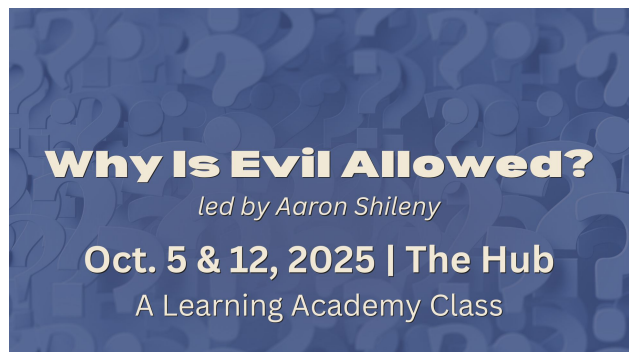
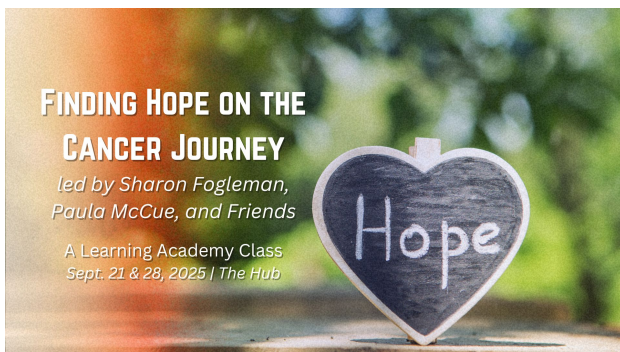
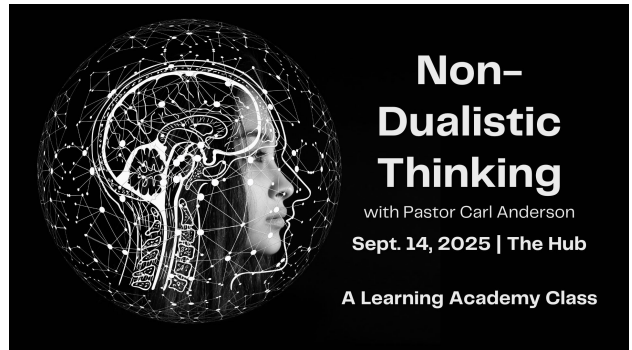
Let us be bold, creative, thoughtful, empathetic, and faithful.

Let us rejoice, knowing there is yet more wisdom to learn on this journey of access.

**God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

Amen, and go in peace.


**Postlude** | *Prelude in G Major, BWV 541*, by J. S. Bach



# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me


## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



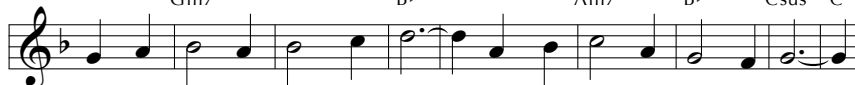
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F




Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



# All Are Welcome in God's Embrace

1. God of mer - cy, God of won - der, We are called to bear your face.  
2. In a world that flaunts di - vi - sions, Builds a wall or locks a door,  
3. Let us learn from ev' - ry - bod - y, Ev' - ry voice and point of view.  
4. Spi - rit, shape a faith - ful peo - ple Where the proud re - lease con - trol;

Ev' - ry mind and soul and bod - y Shines with your in - clu - sive grace.  
You reach out through ev' - ry bound' - ry Say - ing, "You be - long! What's more.  
For your wis - dom is - n't meas - ured By what minds or hands can do.  
Where the strong up - lift the wea - ry, And the whole are made more whole.

Not by strength and not by\_\_\_ striv - ing We are\_\_\_ cher - ished, loved, and known.  
You re - flect my ho - ly\_\_\_ im - age, You are\_\_\_ sa - cred, blessed, and free!"  
Each of us, with joy and\_\_\_ sor - row, Is your\_\_\_ work, your song, your art;  
Make us one in love and\_\_\_ ser - vice, One in\_\_\_ dig - ni - ty and peace,

In our weak - ness, in our whole - ness, You are with us: we are home.  
God, your church is made more ho - ly As we grow in un - i - ty.  
God, you call us all to jour - ney From the mar - gins to the heart.  
'Til all bar - ri - ers are bro - ken And harsh stig - mas fin' - ly cease!

Words: W. Robert Martin III © 2025  
Music: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7D, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Small Group Starter Class

Sept. 14 - Oct. 19 | Conference Room

with Ted & Annie Potter







Dropping In with Matt & Carl

a Sunday Morning class for teens (& adults)

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## This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit-tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
 oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;  
 oh,

this lit - tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
 oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine . . .  
 3 Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine . . .

Words: African American spiritual, P.D.

Music (LIGHT OF MINE 12.12.9): African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams Jr (b. 1969) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

# 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](mailto: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).

## Upcoming Events

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| • <b>Ministry Fair</b>   Sept. 7                | • <b>World Communion Sunday</b>   Oct. 5     |
| • <b>All Abilities Art Exhibit</b>   Sept. 7    | • <b>BASIC Pancake Breakfast</b>   Oct. 5    |
| • <b>Sunday School Resumes</b>   Sept. 14       | • <b>Pilot Club Breakfast</b>   Oct. 11      |
| • <b>Senior Moments</b>   Sept. 16              | • <b>Hayrides @ Dane Farm</b>   Oct. 11      |
| • <b>Next Steps Class</b>   Sept. 21            | • <b>Senior Moments</b>   Oct. 21            |
| • <b>Food Market</b>   Sept. 24                 | • <b>Trunk or Treat</b>   Oct. 26            |
| • <b>At the Table</b>   Oct. 2                  | • <b>Organ Recital: Abby Chen</b>   Oct. 27  |
| • <b>Impacto Reunion</b>   Oct. 3               | • <b>Food Market</b>   Oct. 29               |
| • <b>“Sound of Friendship” Concert</b>   Oct. 3 | • <b>Minds Matter Resource Fair</b>   Nov. 1 |

# What's Happening After Worship Today?

Today, the whole building will be alive with celebration, connection, and discovery! From art to ministries to games and ice cream, there's something for everyone. Here's your guide to what's happening and where:

## Ministry Fair | Atrium

Grab your **passport** as you leave worship (available at main and side doors or by the drinks in the MPR/Gym) and start exploring **dozens of ministries and missions** of St. Andrew.

- Visit at least **15 booths** to complete your passport (each age group has "must-visit" stops).
- Collect stamps along the way.
- Drop your completed passport at the Information Kiosk for a chance at prizes.

## Ministries & Missions to Explore | Atrium

With nearly more than three dozen ministries represented, the Ministry Fair is your chance to see the incredible variety of programs that make St. Andrew come alive. Whether you're drawn to worship, learning, caring, or outreach, there's a place for you to plug in and be part of the story.

## Celebrating All Abilities Art Exhibit | Atrium

Take time to enjoy and honor the **artistic gifts of our congregation** in a special exhibit. This is a chance to experience creativity as an expression of faith, community, and welcome for all abilities.

## Sunday School Field Day | Outside Main Entrance

Head outside the Main Entrance for a kickoff to the program year! All games are open to kids of all ages.

## Food & Fellowship | MPR/Gym

- Breakfast Burritos & Beverages in the MPR/Gym.

