



14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | September 14, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

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

Ted Potter, *worship leader*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Resound Handbell Choir | Laura Kastens, *director*

Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are donated by Skip and Pat Wells: "Happy Birthday Blessings."

After Worship Today

- **PreK-5th Grade:** *Children's Gathering Area*
- **Middle School:** *Middle School Classroom (#17)*
- **High School (adults welcome):** *Faith Beyond Youth Group*, led by Matt Moore | *Hospitality/Bridal Room (#103)*
- **Learning Academy (high schoolers welcome):** "Non-Dualistic Thinking," with Pastor Carl Anderson | *The Hub*
- **Small Group Starter Class:** For anyone interested in joining (or starting) a small group, with Ted & Annie Potter | *Conference Room (#128)*



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Bulletin Cover

- Mosaic in the Basilica dei Santi Cosma e Damiano in Rome, Italy). From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54426>. Source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/pelegrino/344249691/>.



Questions for Reflection

- Let Jesus' words about heaven rejoicing over one sinner reset your sense of fairness. Who do you need to see as precious in God's kingdom?
- Take seriously the hymn writer's confession, "prone to wander." Where do you feel that pull in your own life, and how might God's grace bind your heart again?
- Listen to another hymn writer's claim, "Blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are." Where are you resisting belonging fully to Christ, and what would surrender look like for you?
- Picture Jesus kneeling at the feet of his disciples. Imagine what could change in your community if servanthood shaped not just your language but your daily life together.



New Guest Connection

The 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | September 14, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

If comparison is the thief of joy, then Lord,
help me to not compare my life today to my life 6 months ago.

Help me find the joy in *this* life, and in *this* day
and to know that it is from you, and it is enough. Amen.

— Nadia Bolz-Weber

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, arr. by Arnold Sherman

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Walter Canter*

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Oh. Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

Wonderful! You are in the right place.

You are welcome here.

Let's worship God together

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #521)

Verse 1: All; Verse 2: Organ side starts | Window side enters when directed; Verse 3: 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 and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from Psalm 14*

When the Eternal looks from heaven to survey the children of Adam,
no one is missed, and no one can hide.
Our God searches to see all who understand true wisdom,
and all who desire to know the truth.
Let us be honest before the One who sees us fully,
and confess the ways we have turned from truth to falsehood,
from love to self-interest.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have walked roads of our own choosing,
turning our backs to you and your ways.
Behind us we leave footprints of harm;
the sick neglected,
the hungry passed by,
the lonely abandoned,
the vulnerable left without defense.
You are our refuge in storm and shadow;
make us a refuge for others,
a shelter strong enough to bear their wounds,
a home wide enough to welcome them in.**

Time for Silent Confession

The psalmist prays for a new day—
a day when God breaks the chains of the oppressed,
a day when justice and joy rise like the morning sun.
That day has dawned in Jesus, the Anointed One,
and even now the Spirit makes all things new.
Rejoice in this good news: in Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven.
We are called to labor for God's reign on earth as it is in heaven.

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✕ **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!**

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples †

Gospel Reading | Luke 15:1-10 (*The Voice*)

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

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✕ **Hymn** | “Savior Like a Shepherd,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #330)

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

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Amazing Grace*, arr. by Keith McCutchen

Response to Our Offerings



Give Online

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Lim Swee Hong

All Together in God's Presence

Music notation for the hymn "All Together in God's Presence". The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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** | "Heaven Is Singing for Joy," pg. 9 | *Verse 1 in Spanish: Soloist* | *Verses 1-3: All*

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Fugue in C Minor*, by Felix Mendelssohn

521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my *Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

A7 D A D G A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

A7 D G D A7 D G D

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

A7 D A D G A7 D

Praise the mount—I'm fixed up - on it—mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* "Then Samuel took a stone . . . called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us'" (1 Sam. 7:12)

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.

Music (NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D): J. Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813, P.D.

D A7 D

1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

G D A7 D

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Words: *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, P.D.
 Music (BRADBURY 8.7.8.7 D): William B. Bradbury, P.D.

Heaven Is Singing for Joy 382

El cielo canta alegría

Capo 3: (Am) Cm (C) E^b (F) A^b (G) B^b (C) E^b (E7) G7

1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,

1 El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,

(Am) Cm (E) G (Am) Cm

for in your life and in mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.
por-que en tu vi-da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.

Refrain / Estribillo

(G7) B^b7 (C) E^b (G7) B^b7 (C) E^b

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

(G7) B^b7 (C) E^b (F) A^b (Em7) Gm7 (Am) Cm

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

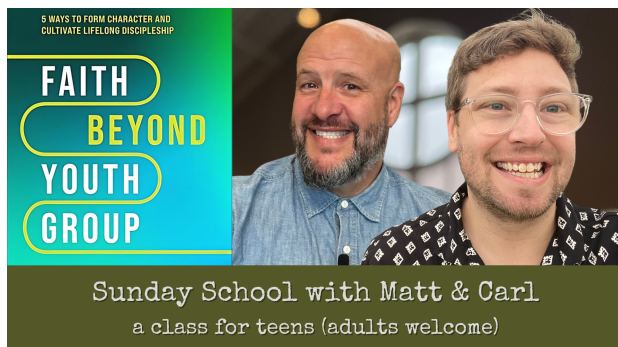
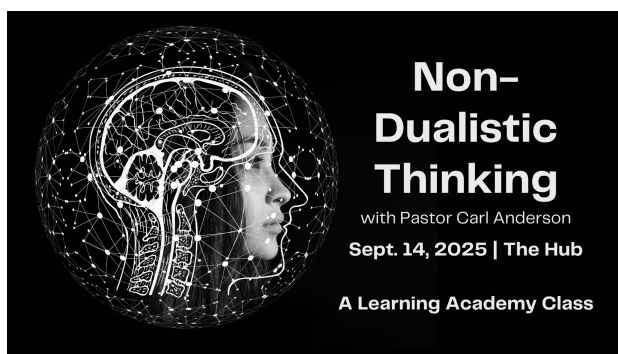
2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque a tu vida y la mía
 las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque tu vida y la mía
 proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

Written in 1958 for a picnic of theological students in Argentina, this piece represents the first Christian hymn in the 20th century to use Latin American folk music. The text is based on Jesus' saying that heaven rejoices at the repentance of each sinner (Luke 15:7).

Upcoming Events

- **Senior Moments** | Sept. 16
- **Next Steps Class** | Sept. 21
- **Food Market** | Sept. 24
- **At the Table** | Oct. 2
- **Impacto Reunion** | Oct. 3
- **“Sound of Friendship” Concert** | Oct. 3
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 5
- **BASIC Pancake Breakfast** | Oct. 5
- **Pilot Club Breakfast** | Oct. 11
- **Hayrides @ Dane Farm** | Oct. 11
- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 21
- **Trunk or Treat** | Oct. 26
- **Organ Recital: Abby Chen** | Oct. 27
- **Food Market** | Oct. 29
- **Minds Matter Resource Fair** | Nov. 1
- **Homemade from the Heart Sale** | Nov. 1
- **Caregiver Wellness Day** | Nov. 6
- **At the Table** | Nov. 6
- **AGO Organ Recital** | Nov. 8
- **Gifts of the Heart Packing** | Nov. 15
- **‘No Grinch Here’ Food Drive** | Nov. 16 to Dec. 7
- **Next Steps** | Nov. 16
- **Food Market** | Nov. 19
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 23



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)



Almost There & Already Looking Ahead

Seventeen years. Five campaigns. Countless stories of generosity. And now, less than \$200,000 stands between us and our \$1.8 million goal of being debt-free.

Today we are gathering the final pledges for the *Finish the Race | Owe Nothing But Love* campaign. If you haven't yet had the chance, we invite you to finalize what you feel called to give. Every response helps us take this last step together with clarity and confidence.

Being this close changes how we see the future. For years we've been focused on paying down the mortgage, but now conversations are shifting to what comes next. One example: tucked behind the lower-level bathrooms are framed-in but unfinished shower stalls, a vision planted when the building was first designed. At the time, planners imagined St. Andrew welcoming mission teams or hosting weeks of service with our own students. But as budgets tightened, the project was set aside, hidden behind temporary walls.

With the finish line in sight, we have a chance to bring that vision to life. Completing the showers would be a tangible reminder that our building is built for mission. It would prepare us to host a week of service this fall, extend our hospitality, and embody once more that St. Andrew is ready to welcome.

The work of retiring debt is about more than numbers. It is about freeing our imagination and our resources for ministry.

— St. Andrew 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

☐ check here if your information
has changed since last year

City, State, Zip

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).

