



"Forgive ... as We Forgive"

9:30 a.m. | Sept. 20, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

Pastor Colette Soultz, *pastoral care associate*

Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, *worship leader*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Brass Ensemble | Julia Van Den Top, *director, accompanist, and organist*

Ana Rippentrop and Lisa Soka, *cello*



Bulletin Cover & Sermon Series

- The word is hard to miss: "DEBT," spelled out in enormous letters on a Portland street. The installation was photographed Oct. 7, 2011, during Occupy Portland, part of the wider Occupy movement that drew attention to economic inequality in the aftermath of the financial crisis.
- It also gives us a different way into this week's familiar words: "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Debt is something owed. Something remains unsettled between one person and another. Jesus takes that language of obligation and uses it to talk about our relationships with God and with one another.
- And then comes the uncomfortable little word "as." We ask to have what we owe released even as we pray that we will release what others owe us.
- **Image:** *Debt*, art installation during Occupy Portland, Portland, Oregon, Oct. 7, 2011. From Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt Divinity Library.



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Skip & Pat Wells: "Blessings!" If you would like to donate chancel flowers in the future, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-flowers> or email office@saintandrew-ic.org.

Sunday School & Learning Academy

- **PreK–5th Grade:** Kids gather in the Gathering Area after worship for stories, activities, questions, and more.
- **Middle School: Mike Anderson and Michael Tilley** are turning Middle School Classroom into Middle Earth this year. (Second breakfast not guaranteed.) Anyone sixth grade and older is welcome to enter.
- **High School & Adults:** Everyone from high school on up is invited to the Learning Academy in the Hub. This week, **Matt and Marissa Moore** continue the conversation around Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation*, asking what smartphones, social media, and the disappearance of unstructured play are doing to our children and communities.



STEWARDSHIP 2026



The Lord's Prayer: "Forgive ... As We Forgive"

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude | *Amazing Grace*, arr. by Jari Villanueva

✠ **Call to Gather** | *by Colette Soult*s

We gather today in the presence of the God of restoration,
who takes what was meant for harm and turns it into good.

Teach us to trust Your redeeming power, O God.

We remember Joseph, who looked upon the brothers
who betrayed him and chose mercy over vengeance, declaring God's greater purpose.

Free us from the hunger for revenge, and fill us with your grace.

We remember Nelson Mandela,
who walked out of prison after 27 years and left his bitterness behind,
knowing that hatred is its own cage.

Break the chains of resentment in our hearts, and lead us into true freedom.

The world cries out for retaliation, but Christ calls us to reconciliation.

We come to worship the God who heals our wounds and transforms our stories.

Let us worship our God together.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive," pg. 6 | vs. 1, choir; vs. 2-4, all

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *by Colette Soult*s

Jesus reminds us that God has forgiven us a debt we could never hope to pay.

Yet, so often, we hold onto small grudges
and refuse to extend that same mercy to the people around us.

Confident in a God whose grace is wider than our failures, let us confess our sins together,
asking for the strength to forgive as we have been forgiven.

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.

God of Creation, you invite us into the peace of your presence,
yet we are often restless and anxious about tomorrow.
We overlook the gifts around us: the beauty of creation,
the love of family and friends, and the simple blessings of each day.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us your peace.
We let fear take hold and forget how we are held by your grace.
We carry old wounds into new days.
We hold on to resentment and replay old conversations.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us to trust.
Don't let us confuse forgiveness with forgetting,
or with pretending that what happened did not matter.
Help us place our wounds in your hands
without denying the truth of what happened.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us the way of grace.
When we cannot yet forgive,
when the wound is still tender,
when the scar is invisible but still painful,
give us courage to begin.
Give us patience to heal.
Give us grace to become willing to forgive.

Time for Silent Confession

"Look at the birds of the air," Jesus said.
"They neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."
Friends, receive this good news: The God who created us also renews us.
The God who knows our wounds does not abandon us.
The God who forgives us teaches us how to forgive.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Response | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

✠ 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 | Genesis 50:15-21

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

Time for Young Disciples

Gospel Reading | Matthew 18:21-35

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

The Message | “The ‘F’ Word” | Pastor Colette Soult

✠ **Hymn of Response** | “Amazing Grace,” vs. 1, 2, and 5, pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #691)

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Connecting Hearts, Renewing Lives | At the Table

Offertory | *Plowshare Prayer*, by Spencer LaJoye

Prayers of the People | Joys & Concerns

✠ **Singing The Lord’s Prayer** | “Our Father, Which Art in Heaven,” pg. 8

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude

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

✠ 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.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am) (Dm)

Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
B $\flat$ Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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St. Andrew Work Day
BUILDING & GROUNDS
8 a.m. - Noon | Sept. 26, 2026

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

For an alternate arrangement see 670

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, P.D.

Music (NEW BRITAIN 8.6.8.6): *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464



1 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en:
 2 On earth as it is in heav - en:
 3 And for - give us all our debts:
 4 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion:
 5 For thine is the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry:



hal - low - ed - a be thy name.



Thy king - dom come; thy will be done:
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread:
 As we for - give our debt - ors:
 But de - liv - er us from e - vil:
 For - ev - er and ev - er, a - men:



hal - low - ed - a be thy name.

This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: West Indian folk melody; transcr. Olive Pattison, 1945; harm. *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 1989

Music Transcr. © 1945 Boosey & Co., Ltd.

Music Harm. © 1990 Westminster John Knox Press

WEST INDIAN

Irregular

An Experiment That Keeps Experimenting

St. Andrew has long talked about having an “alternative worship service.” And over the years there have been special services, one-off experiments, and ideas that seemed promising. But somehow the question — *What might worship look like outside Sunday morning?* — kept coming back.



Then **Flipping Tables** happened. Through the vision and leadership of **Matt Moore**, our post-high-school ministry began in 2022. As that community grew, an intriguing possibility emerged: *What if the first Flipping Tables gathering each month became worship for the whole congregation?*

In February 2024, **At the Table** was born, and no two first Thursdays since have been quite the same.

Storytellers have included **Sydney Flanscha, Michael Tilley, Tom Moore, David Meyer, Elsie Perry-Pane, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Lauren Hartley, Cecilia Norris, Ava Jones**, and more. Pastors have joined friends of the congregation in giving personal accounts about where faith intersects with life.

The music may be harder to categorize. We’ve heard **Student Ministry** musicians, **Team Guatemala** musicians, seminary student **Jim Baty**, and even one evening when **Jeff Charis-Carlson, David Duys, and Jason Schuchert** supplied some dad-rock energy with “nothing but banger” worship power ballads.

Through all those variations, one thing has remained at the center: We come to Christ’s Table and share Communion every month.

And sometimes the experimenting travels back. Songs first introduced at At the Table have found their way into Sunday worship, including Spencer LaJoye’s *Plowshare Prayer*, which the choir is singing today.

Earlier this month, nearly 50 people came to hear **Emily Neddermeyer**, with **Mary Hausler Ruhlow and Nathan Schuchert** providing music, a new At the Table high. And that feels less like a reason to declare the experiment a success than an open invitation to experiment even more.

Next up are **Ted Potter** on Oct. 1 and **Wendy Lindberg** on Nov. 5. If you have a story you might share or an idea for what At the Table could try next, talk with Matt Moore (mmoore@saintandrew-ic.org).

Because the point was never simply to find a different way to do worship. It was to keep making room to listen for God in one another’s stories, to discover new ways to sing our faith, and to keep finding Christ where Christ promised to meet us: At the Table, together.

The Anxious Generation: Parenting in Today's World

Sept. 13 & 20

a Learning Academy Class
with Matt and Marissa Moore



The Ark of the Covenant

with Robert Cargill

Sept. 27 & Oct. 4
A Learning Academy Class

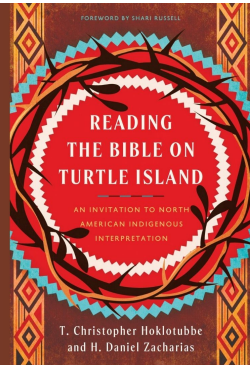
Reading the Bible with New Eyes

A Learning Academy Class with Aaron Shileny
After Worship | Sunday Oct. 11, 2026

READING THE BIBLE ON TURTLE ISLAND

with author Chris Hoklotubbe
& Bobby Outterson-Murphy

a learning academy class
Oct. 18 & 25, 2026 | The Hub



Upcoming Events

- **Food Market** | Wednesday
- **Church Cleanup** | Saturday
- **Welcoming New Members** | Next Sunday
- **At the Table** | Oct. 1
- **Big Table** | Oct. 2
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 4
- **Free Lunch** | Oct. 7
- **Fields of Faith Harvest** | Oct. 10
- **Wedding of Nancy Barth & Anthony Koebele** | Oct. 10
- **Dane Farm Hay Ride** | Oct. 10
- **Act Justly Documentary Screening** | Oct. 11
- **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
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 22
- **Free Lunch** | Dec. 2
- **At the Table** | Dec. 3
- **Lessons & Carols** | Dec. 6
- **Children's Christmas Program** | Dec. 13
- **Senior Moments** | Dec. 15
- **Cocoa & Carols** | Dec. 20
- **Christmas Eve** (5, 7, & 11 p.m.) | Dec. 24
- **Food Market** | Dec. 30
- **Free Lunch** | Jan. 6
- **At the Table** | Jan. 7
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 10
- **Gifts of the Heart Packing** | Jan. 17

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Class of 2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Chloe Goers, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

2028: Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Paula McCue, Judy Swafford, and Jon Swearingen

2029: Margaret Heidger, John Linder, Josh Schilling, Jessica Steele, and Adam Wolf

Deacons

2027: Jordan Barrett, Eli Benson, Kathy & Dave Duys, Lynne Ginsberg, Cody Neddermeyer, and Jenni Stacy-Adams

2028: Laurel Crusinberry, Vern Dengler, Rick Graf, Cindy Seyfer, and Allison Van Iddekinge

2029: Jean Barth, LuAnn Robinson, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos, and David Weitzel

Personnel Team (at large)

2027: Kent Short | **2028:** Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland | **2029:** Twila Finkelstein

Nominating Team (at large)

2027: Pat Cone-Fisher, Paul Heidger, Marissa Moore, and Jeremy Penn

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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