

15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. | September 21, 2025 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, lowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, transitional pastor Patti Benson, worship leader Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, director Woodwind Ensemble | Abby Chen, director Thomas Hartley, time for young disciples

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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): "Finding Hope in the Cancer Journey" with Sharon Fogleman & Paula McCue | The Hub
- Small Group Starter Class: For anyone interested in joining (or starting) a small group, with Ted & Annie Potter | Conference Room (#128)



Bulletin Cover

 "The Parable of the Shrewd Manager" or "The Parable of the Unjust Steward," by Marinus van Reymerswaele (1490-1546), oil on oak panel, displayed in the National Museum in Warsaw, Poland. Source: Wikicommons.



Questions for Reflection

- When people see us doing business as church, do we look any different from the world's constant calculating—or do we simply mirror it back?
- If you had to choose, what do you most need God to do this week: turn you, return you, restore you, or re-orient you?
- Jesus praises the cleverness of a shred manager (or unjust steward)—why
 do you think he does that, and what might it teach us about how we use
 money, power, and pride today?



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The 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | September 21, 2025 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

"We are defined by investments of interest, time, and money since that to which we assign value assigns value to us."

Klyne R. Snodgrass

Welcome + Announcements

Team Guatemala | Impacto Visit (Oct. 2-5)

Prelude | *More Love to Thee, O Christ,* arr. by Abby Chen

■ Call to Gather | adapted from a liturgy by Teri McDowell Ott

Turn us, O God, away from the world's temptations and distractions. Return us, O God, to the quiet calm of your presence. Restore us, O God, to the path you call us to follow. Orient us, O God,

■ Gathering Hymn | "Rise Up, O Saints of God!", pg. 7

to the hope of all that is possible through you.

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

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

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.

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless.

Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example.

We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy.

We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared.

We diminish and dehumanize those around us.

God of us all, hear this confession.

Receive it.

We ask for your forgiveness.

Time for Silent Confession

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Open us to your life-giving Word.

Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will.

Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way.

■ 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 8:18-9:1 (The Voice)

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

Time for Young Disciples [↑]

Gospel Reading | Luke 16:1-13 (The Voice)

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

The Message

₩ Hymn | "We Give Thee But Thine Own," pg. 8

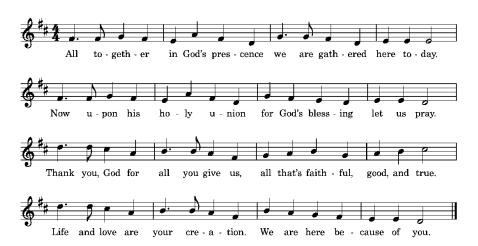
Offertory | Take My Life, That I May Be, arr. by Mark Sedio

▼ Response to Our Offerings

Give Online

Russell Schulz-Widmar Lim Swee Hong

All Together in God's Presence



[⊕] 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 | "Jesu, Jesu," pg. 9 (hymnal, #299)

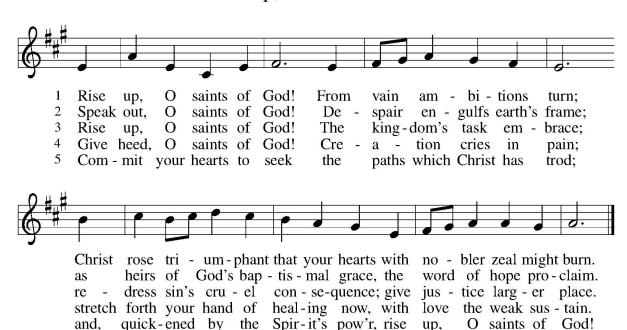
₩ Benediction

Postlude | Prelude in B-flat Major, by J. S. Bach; arr. by R. Moehlmann





Rise Up, O Saints of God!

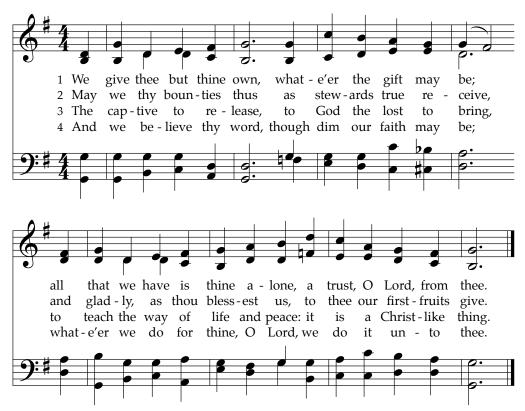


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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893 Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress



We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

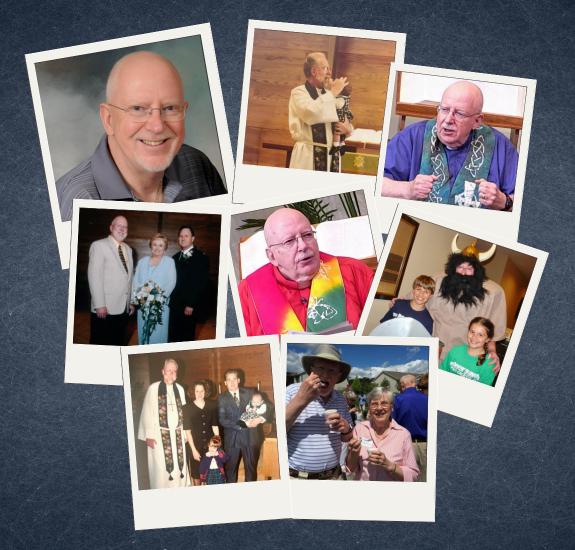
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2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

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

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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

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.

Upcoming Events

- Next Steps Class | Today
- 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