

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, transitional pastor
The Rev. Luis Martinez, message
Logos Choir & Angelic Voices | Austen Wilson, director
Ethan Elsbernd and Taylor Schilcher, soloists
Abby Chen, organist and accompanist



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 and Pastor Carl Anderson | Hospitality/Bridal Room (#103)
- Learning Academy (teens welcome): Why Is Evil Allowed? with Aaron Shileny | 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

"Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed" (2025) by Lucy Charis-Carlson, acrylics on paper | In this artwork, inspired by today's gospel reading, the sun is a magnified seed, the sky is patterned with plant cells, and the grass blades rise as mustard plants.



Flowers on the Chancel

 Today's flowers are provided by Act Justly in thanks to Sara Penn for all she does to make St. Andrew inclusive for the hearing impaired.

Questions for Reflection

- The author of Lamentations recalls God's command in exile to plant gardens and seek peace. As the hymnist says, "Everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there." On this World Communion Sunday, how can you plant hope and peace where God has placed you?
- The middle hymn includes the line, "While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide" What is a time in your life when faith has helped you through challenging times?
- At Communion, bread and wine show both divine gift and human labor. How
 does sharing this global table challenge us to notice, honor, and stand with
 those whose work is unseen or exploited?





World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. | October 5, 2025 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (join on the final verse)

▼ Call to Gather | adapted from the collection, *Liturgies from Below*

Come! Come into the place where God listens!

Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes!

Come as you are

Broken, whole

Sick, well

Satisfied or with deep needs

Come to sing

Come to cry

Come to hear

Come to see

Come and be ready or

Come to be made ready

We are here

God is here too

- ➡ Prayer of Confession & Promise of Ever-Present Grace | adapted from Liturgies from Below

Let us confess to the God who hears and answers our prayers.

God of humanity, our keeper and sustainer, our hearts are crushed.

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.

Your very image has been marred by our greed and selfishness.

In our ignorance, we have spat on your creation.

We have swept it as trash into heaps to die and rot.

We have tossed to the periphery the very people you loved enough to die for.

Christ chose to live among those the world cast aside

—the homeless, the poor, the suffering.

He entered not into privilege, but into solidarity.

Yet we often choose the opposite path.

We build monuments of wealth and comfort.

illusions of prosperity that hide the cries of the desperate.

We raise palaces, while the poor remain outside our gates.

Forgive us for our actions, and forgive us for our lack of action.

Time for Silent Confession

Friends, take heart.

God has mercy enough for all.

Christ has mercy enough for all.

May we continue to be transformed into the image of God.

Musical Response | "Glory to God," pg. 8

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia. Amen!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria en los cielos! ¡A Dios la gloria por siempre! ¡A Dios la gloria por siempre! ¡Alleluya, Amén! ¡Alleluya, Amén!

★ 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!

[†] Children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to move down to the Lower Level Children's Area following the Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion.

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you! † Growing to Serve** | The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Peace & Global Witness Offering

Gospel Reading | Luke 17:5-10

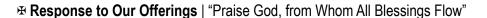
The word of the prophets for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

The Message | Pastor Luis Martinez

Hymn of Response | "My Faith Looks up to Thee," pg. 9

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | Halle, Halle, Halle, arr. by Marty Haugen





Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving | from Liturgies from Below

God be with you. And also with you.

And with those whose hands brought these gifts to us. And also with them.

The earth is God's, and the fullness thereof, so we thank you, God of Grace, for your creation.

For your creation, thanks.

For you so loved the world, you gave us your anointed child; thank you, Saving God, for your salvation. For your salvation, thanks.

Our story begins with a seed in the ground, watered, tended, and harvested with human hands. **Make us one in you.**

The wheat is prepared for baking by the craft of human hands. Make us one in you.

This is the bread Jesus blessed, broke, and shared. Make us one in you.

Similarly, in the vineyard, the seed was sown, watered, tended, and harvested by human hands. **Make us one in you.**

The grapes were crushed, the juice collected, by the craft of human hands. **Make us one in you.** This is the wine Jesus blessed, poured, and shared. **Make us one in you.** Take, eat, and drink in remembrance of me and those who brought me to you.

Transforming Spirit, we ask your blessing upon the workers in the field and the vineyard, the laborers who prepared and brought these gifts to us and upon your community gathered here, transform these common elements, we pray.

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again Christ was sown Christ was reaped Christ will nourish again

Communion Hymn | "Eat This Bread" (hymnal, #818)

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** | "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth," pg. 10
- **⊞** Benediction

Postlude | Improvisation

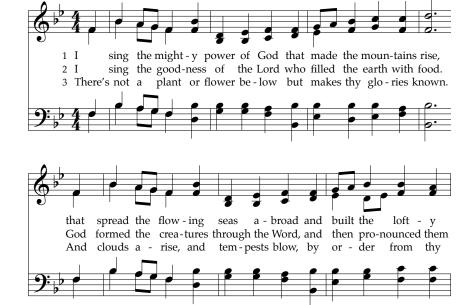
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skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day. good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye, throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,





The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey. if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky! and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt. MUSIC: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868 ELLACOMBE

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Glory to God

Gloria a Dios



¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! ¡A May be sung in call and response pattern.

TEXT: Anon.

MUSIC: Peruvian melody

MACHU-PICHU



¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



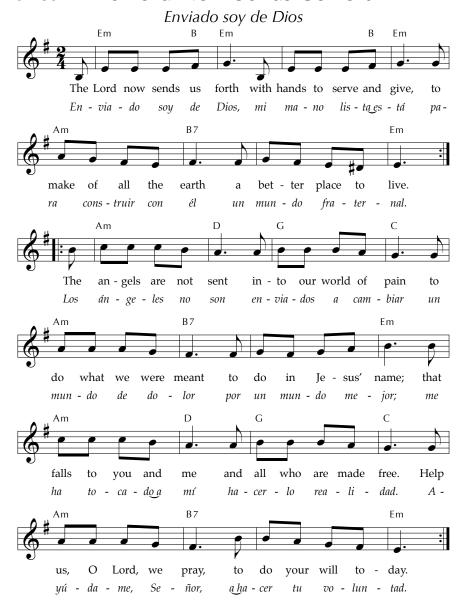
Optional prayer (based on Ps. 141:8; 2 Cor. 4:6)

Our eyes turn to you, O sovereign Lord; in you we take refuge.

By the illumining power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see the light of the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words: Ray Palmer, 1830, alt., P.D. Music (OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.6.4): Lowell Mason, 1832, P.D.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

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Finance Team (elected by Session)

Treasurer: Emily Nedderymeyer (2026); Assistant Treasurer: Michelle DeGroot (2026)

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).

Upcoming Events

- World Communion Sunday | Today
- BASIC Pancake Breakfast | Today
- 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. 22
- 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
- Hanging of the Greens | Nov. 23
- ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving | Nov. 23