



Oct. 11, 2026

‘More Than We Imagined’ | Week 1

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*

Wendy Lindberg, *worship leader*

Middle School Bells | Austen Wilson, *director*

Resound! | Laura Kastens, *director*

Student Ministry Band | Mary Hausler Ruhow, *vocals*; Nathan Schuchert, *vocals & guitar*; Jon Swearingen, *vocals & bass*; and Zack Penn, *drums*



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Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Kim Kipp and Leah Rosine: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it can be to let things go."
- If you would like to donate chancel flowers, 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:** "Reading the Bible with New Eyes," in The Hub | We all bring something with us when we open the Bible: our history, culture, assumptions, and ideas about whose voices matter. Drawing on Marcus Borg and post-colonial approaches to scripture, Aaron Shileny invites us to notice what we've been taught to see and what we might discover by reading the Bible again from different points.



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love



STEWARDSHIP 2026

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.



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A Stewardship Sermon Series

9:30 a.m. | October 11, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Film Screening | *Evicting the American Dream*

Prelude | *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, arr. Kevin McChesney

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from Mark 4:30-32*

Jesus asked, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?"

It is like a mustard seed.

What do you mean?

When sown upon the ground, it is among the smallest of seeds.

Okay. And then?

Then it grows and becomes one of the greatest of all shrubs.

It puts forth large branches, and birds make nests in its shade.

Let us praise the God who does such things with the smallest of seeds.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Blessed Be Your Name," pg. 6

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *adapted from Ephesians 3:14-21*

God of Love Beyond Measure,
you root us and ground us in grace,
yet we live as though your love were narrow,
your mercy limited, ... your power small.

We settle for what we can see,
trust only what we can manage,
and ask only for what we think is possible.

Forgive us when our imaginations become smaller than your grace.

Strengthen us in our inner being.

Root us more deeply in love,
until we begin to trust the breadth and length ... and height and depth
of all you are still able to do.

Time for Silent Confession

Hear the good news:

God is able to accomplish more than all we can ask or imagine.

In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven.

May we be rooted in love, and filled again with grace.

Musical Response | “Make Me Like You,” pg. 7

✕ **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!**

Time for Young Disciples †

Special Music | “Jesus Loves Me” arr. by Margaret Tucker

New Testament Reading | *Ephesians 3.14-21, rendered by Chris Neufeld-Erdman*

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

The Message | “God Keeps Writing The Story” | Pastor Jordan Warntjes

✕ **Hymn of Response** | “Great Are You Lord,” pg. 8

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

More Stories

Offertory | *Holy Love*, by Andy Park

✕ **Response to Our Offering** | “You’re Worthy of My Praise,” pg. 9

†After the Time for Young Disciples, parents are invited to lead their children in Kindergarten and younger down to the Lower Level for more age-appropriate programming.

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠ **Sending Hymn** | “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Unwritten*, by Natasha Bedingfield

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

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. We welcome saints and sinners, skeptics and believers, families of *all* shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey.
- 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.
- 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>.
- **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.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth & Matt Redman

G D Em7 C2

1. Bles- sed be— Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your
 Andbles - sed be— Your name when I'm found in the de - sert place, though I
 2. Bles- sed be— Your name when the sun's shin - ing down on me, when the
 Andbles - sed be— Your name on the road marked with suf - er - ing, though there's

5 G D C2 C2 G

streams of a - bun - dance flow, blessed— be Your name. E-v'rybles-sing
 walk through the wil - der-ness,
 world's all as it— should be,
 pain in the off - er - ing,

10 D Em7 C2 G D

You pour out I'll turn back to praise, And when the dark-ness clo - ses in, Lord,

15 Em7 C2 G D Em

still I will say; Bles-sed be the name of the— Lord, blessed be Your name,

20 G D Em C

Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glo - ri - ous name. You

26 G D Dm C G

give and take a - way, You give and take a - way, My heart will choose to

31 D Em C

say, Lord bles - sed be Your name.

Make Me Like You, Lord

Jimmy and Carol Owens

C Em F C F C

1. Make me like you, Lord. Make me like you. You are a ser - vant,
 2. Grant me your peace, Lord. Grant me your peace. When will the trou - ble
 3. Teach me your way, Lord. Teach me your way. I'm but a learn - er
 4. Show me your way, Lord. Show me your way. All I can see — Lord, is

7 Am G C Em F

make me one, too. Lord, I am will - ing. Do what you must
 ev - er cease? In my af - flict - ion I need you to
 with much to say. I need your car - ing to teach me to -
 what hate's made of. In war and an - ger, I need Christ - ian

12 C F C G C

do. To make me like you, Lord. Make me like you.
 be. Grant me your peace, Lord. Grant me your peace.
 - day. Teach me your way, Lord. Teach me your way.
 eyes to show me your way, Lord. Show me your way.

"Make Me Like You," by Carol Owens and Jimmy Owens, alt. © 1978 Bud John Songs, Inc. CCLI Song #20230.

**Reading the Bible
with New Eyes**

a Learning Academy class, with Aaron Shileny
After Worship | Sunday Oct. 11, 2026

Documentary Screening

ACT JUSTLY

2:30 p.m. | Oct. 11

St. Andrew's Sanctuary
 Panel Discussion to Follow

Senior Moments

Trip to the Hoover Museum

Oct. 20 | 10:30 a.m.

"We, too, are writing a new chapter in American history."

READING THE BIBLE ON TURTLE ISLAND

with author Chris Hoklotubbe & Bobby Outterson-Murphy

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

Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by
Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan
and David Leonard

VERSE

F Am7 Gsus



You give life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give

6 F Am7 Gsus F



hope. You re - store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. And

CHORUS

11 Am7 Gsus F Am7 Gsus



great are You, Lord. breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your

18 F Am7 Gsus



breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You on - ly.

BRIDGE

22 C Csus



And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,_"

27 F2



"Great are You, Lord!"

"Great Are You Lord," by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan. © 2012
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CCLI Song #6460220.

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

Words and Music by
DAVID RUIS

Moderately
♩ = 100

Echo:

G **F** **3** **3**

I will wor - ship (I will wor - ship) with all of my heart (with all of my heart).
I will bow down (I will bow down) and hail You as King (and hail You as King).

C **G** **3** **Am⁷** **D**

I will praise You (I will praise You) with all of my strength (all my strength).
I will serve You, give You ev - 'ry - thing (give you ev - 'ry - thing).

G **F** **3** **3**

I will seek You (I will seek You) all of my days (all of my days).
I will lift up (I will lift up) my eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne).

C **G** **3** **Am⁷** **D**

I will fol - low (I will fol - low) all of Your ways (all Your ways).
I will trust You (I will trust You), trust You a - lone (trust in You a - lone).

G **D** **C** **Am⁷** **D**

I will give _ You all my wor - ship, I will give _ You all my praise. _

G **D** **C** **Am⁷** **D** **G**

You a - lone _ I long to wor - ship, You a - lone _ are wor - thy of _ my _ praise.

"You're Worthy of My Praise," by David Ruis. © 1991 Shade Tree Music. CCLI Song #487976.



Deacons' Fund

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HELLO
my name is



Ushers & Greeters Needed

<https://tinyurl.com/sapc-greeters>



938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

2 PETER 3:18

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the

knowl - edge of our Lord and Sav - ior. My

friends, may you grow in grace and in the

knowl - edge of Je - sus Christ. To

God be the glo - ry, now and for - ev - er,

Words and Music (BENEDICTION 7.11.7.9.6.5.7.6.5.7): 2 Peter 3:18; Timothy James Meaney (b. 1965) and Sean Diamond (b. 1968); rev. Gregg DeMey (b. 1972) and Gregory Kett (b. 1970) © 1991, 2001 Wiseman Music

now and for-ev - er, a - men. To

God be the glo-ry, now and for-ev - er,

now and for-ev - er, a - men.

Upcoming Events

- **Act Justly Documentary Screening** | Today
- **Next Steps** | Next Sunday
- **Iowa City Swedish Club** | Oct. 18
- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 20
- **Trunk-or-Treat** | Oct. 25
- **Food Market** | Oct. 28
- **Meetup @ UI Homecoming Parade** | Oct. 30
- **All Saints Sunday** | Nov. 1
- **Free Lunch** | Nov. 4
- **At the Table** | Nov. 5
- **Stronghold Fall Retreat** | Nov. 6-8
- **Minds Matter, Craft Fare & Bake Sale** | 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, 2027

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Image: Kelly Latimore's *Parable of the Mustard Seed*: <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/products/the-parable-of-the-mustard-seed>

Jesus' parables are one of the ways Jesus trains his disciples. The parables, like the Sermon on the Mount, have always been crucial for the church to imagine the kind of community it is called to be. We discover again and again that Jesus' parables significance points to everyday life. The parables are meant to be lived.



The original audience may have been perplexed by this story. They would have known that no-one would intentionally plant a mustard shrub. In fact, the Jewish Mishnah forbade the growing of mustard seeds in the garden because they were 'useless annoying weeds.' In the Hebrew Scriptures the "birds of the air" can be a reference to Gentiles/Non-Jews, the foreigner. This parable suggests that the kingdom of heaven is available to everyone. Even those who may be considered outsiders or not "Worthy." Jesus is calling us to see the significance in the insignificant. The parables of the kingdom of heaven make clear that the kingdom of heaven is not "up there." Through the parables Jesus is teaching us to "be for the world the material reality of the kingdom of heaven brought down to earth." As Jesus is himself the parable of the father so the church is meant to be the parable of Christ. A people in space and time welcoming the outcast, the foreigner, and the stranger. These kind of communities will look like unwanted weeds to the world, or even to other Christians. However, this may be exactly the church Jesus is asking us to embody.

All of the birds in this icon are native to the Holy Land. Birds in the icon: Palestine Sunbird, Scrub Warbler, Common Rosefinch, Laughing dove, Barn Swallow, House Sparrow, Fire-Fronted Serin, Red-Rumped Swallow, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Woodchat Shrike, European Greenfinch, Tree Pipit, Nubian Nightjar, Northern Wheatear, Green Bee Eater, Eurasian Golden Oriole, European Roller, Eurasian Jay, Hooded Crow, Eurasian Blackbird, Common Chiffchaff, Rock Bunting, Crested Lark, and White Spectacled Bulbul.

— Kelly Latimore

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