



Oct. 25, 2026
'More Than We Imagined' | Week 2
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*

Wendy Lindberg, Hank Kasper, Leo Kasper, Owen Kasper,

Lydia Outterson-Murphy, and Eleanor Penn, *worship leaders*

Agape Ringers, Alpha Ringers, and Alpha Singers | Austen Wilson, *director*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist & accompanist*

Wendy Lindberg, *time for young disciples*

Paula McCue, *The Bird House & Holiday Lights at the Lake*



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers on the chancel are given by Deb and Rich Wretman: "Celebrating 37 years of marriage and all the blessings of family and friends over those years, and the years to come."
- Today's flowers in the Atrium are given by St. Andrew's Personnel Team in honor of Pastor Jordan Warntjes and the rest of St. Andrew's ministry staff as part of Church Staff Appreciation Month.
- 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:** Stories, Questions, and Discoveries! Our youngest disciples gather in the Gathering Area after worship for another Sunday of learning, laughter, and discovery. Through Bible stories, hands-on activities, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions, kids will explore what it means to grow in faith, care for others, and find their own place in God's big story.
- **Middle School:** Not All Who Wander Are Lost! Mike Anderson and Michael Tilley continue transforming the Middle School Classroom into Middle-earth. Whether you're a seasoned traveler through Tolkien's world or a curious hobbit taking your first steps beyond the Shire, there's room in this fellowship for you. Anyone sixth grade and older is welcome to enter!
- **High School & Adults:** "Reading the Bible on Turtle Island" | **The Rev. Bobby Outterson-Murphy** continues our two-week exploration of Reading the Bible on Turtle Island: An Invitation to North American Indigenous Interpretation, co-authored by last Sunday's guest preacher, **T. Christopher Hoklotubbe**. Building on last week's conversation, we will explore how Indigenous perspectives can deepen our understanding of Scripture and invite us to encounter familiar biblical stories in new ways. Join us in the Hub following worship.



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love



STEWARDSHIP 2026



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9:30 a.m. | October 25, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Church Staff Appreciation Month

Prelude | *Share God's Love*, by Mark Patterson

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Roger Owens*

Gathered to worship God, the Creator,
we are all right where we belong.
Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,
we approach God with joy in our hearts.
HandNourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,
we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service," pg. 6 | vs. 1-3

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Roger Owens*

Our God is a generous God,
bestowing grace immeasurably,
loving us beyond what we can imagine,
and forgiving us before we know to ask.
To this God of generosity, love and forgiveness,
let us now turn as we confess our sins.

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others,
wondering if we are better than them.
We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves.**

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.

**We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us to see ourselves truthfully
and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.**

Time for Silent Confession

God alone has the authority to judge,
and by the grace of Jesus, the Anointed One,
God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.
Thanks be to God!

Musical Response | “We Are Forgiven,” pg. 7 | first time: vocalists; second time: all

✠ **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!

Gospel Reading | Luke 14:7-23

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

Time for Young Disciples †

Baptism of Lydia Anne Hartley, *daughter of Thomas & Lauren Hartley*

Old Testament Reading | Leviticus 19:33-34

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

The Message | “More Neighbors” | Pastor Jordan Warntjes

✠ **Hymn of Response** | “When You Show Up at a Dinner,” pg. 8

† 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.

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Connecting Hearts | The Bird House & Holiday Lights at the Lake

Offertory | *Christians, Let Us Go and Serve God*, arr. by Karen Thompson

✂ **Response to Our Offering** | “Now Thank We All Our God,” vs. 1 (*hymnal*, # 543)

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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** | “Help Us Accept Each Other, Lord” pg. 9

✂ **Benediction**

Postlude

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



Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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We Are Forgiven

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
 10.8.10.8

When You Show Up at a Dinner

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

When you show up at a dinner thinking you have quite the name,
do not take the place of honor, for you might be put to shame.
For the host may greet you, saying, "Someone else is sitting here!
There's the place you will be eating — at the table, in the rear."

When you show up at a dinner, here's the thing that you should do:
Find the low seat and be humble, then the host may say to you,
"Friend, move up! Your place is higher!" You'll be honored, all around!
For the meek will be made greater and the great will be cast down.

And when you're the one inviting, here's the guest list, to be sure:
Don't invite your friends and siblings, but instead, invite the poor.
Welcome in the sick and struggling who can never once repay.
Your reward will be in heaven come the Resurrection Day.

Jesus, may we hear your teaching, for your goal was not to shame
but to help us catch the vision of the blessings of God's reign.
There will be a great reversal and we all will be surprised!
Make us kind and meek and humble! Change our ways, Lord! Change our lives!

Biblical Reference: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Tune: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

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Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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Elders

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

2028: Helen Bryce, 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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On the Cover

The Good Neighbor (2022), by contemporary iconographer **Kelly Latimore**, was commissioned by Andrew Wymer and Kristen Daley Mosier as a gift of gratitude to clergy in Flint, Michigan, whose ministries offered powerful examples of what it means to love one's neighbors.

Inspired by a centuries-old Orthodox icon of the Good Samaritan, the artwork grew out of conversations with faith leaders who had helped their community confront the Flint water crisis and its ongoing struggles for justice. The commissioners hoped the icon would reflect the “intense struggle, collective power, and divine grace” they witnessed in these congregations and their neighbors.



As we continue our stewardship series, *More Than We Imagined*, today's theme of **More Neighbors** invites us to consider how God's abundant grace expands our understanding of community. In Leviticus, we are called to love the stranger as ourselves. In Luke, Jesus challenges us to extend our tables and invitations beyond familiar circles. Latimore's icon reminds us that being a good neighbor is more than an act of individual kindness. It is a shared commitment to compassion, hospitality, and justice, through which God's grace can accomplish more than we imagine.

Upcoming Events

- **Trunk-or-Treat** | Today
- **Food Market** | Wednesday
- **Meetup @ UI Homecoming Parade** | Friday
- **All Saints Sunday** | Next Sunday
- **Free Lunch** | Nov. 4
- **At the Table** | Nov. 5
- **Stronghold Fall Retreat** | Nov. 6-8
- **Minds Matter, Craft Sale & Bake Sale** | Nov. 7
- **Iowa City Flute Choir Concert** | Nov. 15
- **Senior Moments** | Nov. 17
- **Food Market** | Nov. 18
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 22
- **Hanging of the Greens** | 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, & 10 p.m.) | Dec. 24
- **Food Market** | Dec. 30
- **Free Lunch** | Jan. 6, 2027
- **At the Table** | Jan. 7, 2027
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 10, 2027