



13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | Here I Am, Lord *setting by Anne Marie David*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Psalm 145, adapted

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

He is mindful of his covenant forever; he keeps the word he has commanded for a thousand generations.

Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Hymn** | Be Still, for the Presence *red hymnal, #532*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in humility we confess our sin and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news of the gospel! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the passing of the peace. Children will be brought back to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Lesson | Matthew 16: 21-28 Bible, pg. 798

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson | Romans 12:9-21 Bible, pg. 922

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn | Here I Am, Lord red hymnal, #869

Old Testament Lesson | Exodus 3:1-15 Bible, pg. 44

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Walking on Holy Ground Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | Holy, Holy, Holy setting by Anne Marie David

***Offertory Response | Doxology** red hymnal, #965

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music During Distribution

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

***Sending Hymn** | Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God *red hymnal, #953*

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

(8:30) Becka Simpson, *worship leader*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

Infant and toddler care (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Consider what God has called me to do this week and pray that God gives me the courage to answer his call.
- ◇ Ask God what I may be asked to deny in myself in order to follow Jesus.
- ◇ Seek to serve one of my neighbors this week through an act of kindness.
- ◇ Memorize Romans 12:9-12.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door.

The **flowers** this morning are given by Beth Dowd in memory of Steve.

The **flowers in the entryway** this morning are in celebration of the birthday of Pastor Kyle Otterbein, with thanks to the Lord for his ministry among us.

There will be a **Session Listening Post today** between services in the Calvin Conference Center and after the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary **and on September 10** between services in the Calvin Conference Center for anyone who has questions.

Please note that **the church office will be closed on Monday, September 4**, in observance of Labor Day. The church office will re-open on Tuesday morning, September 5, at 9:00 am.

The next **Lunch with the Leaders** will be next **Sunday, September 10, at Noon** in the Calvin Conference Center.

A **Preparing for Communion** class will be held **September 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm**. Children of all ages are welcome, accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. The class is optional and is available for any child who has ever wondered about the meaning of communion or has asked, "Can I do that?" This class is free, but registration is requested. Either contact the church office or Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry, at hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org.

