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9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15 am Worship Service

July 26, 2026 Liturgist: Brian Rush
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE
GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord. Make God’s deeds known among the peoples.
We call upon the name of the Lord!
Give thanks to the Lord. Tell of all God’s wonderful works!
We sing praises and remember the wonderful works, miracles, and judgements!
Give thanks to the Lord. Glory in God’s holy name!
We seek God, and our hearts rejoice! Praise the Lord!

Hymn #113 Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION
If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches us and knows us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, you never forget your promises and your covenant endures in each new generation. Yet, we fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you working out your purposes in and among us. Then we believe that we have no good news to proclaim. Forgive us and transform our imaginations that we might see you anew. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Glory to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written and words spoken. Intercede for us with sighs too deep for words until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
The word of the Lord.
Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn #349 Seek Ye First
Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer
Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
It is our privilege to participate in the unfolding of God’s grace in the world. Let us give with grateful and hopeful hearts.

OFFERTORY
If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #474 I Surrender All

BENEDICTION

As you go, carry the kingdom of God with you like mustard seeds ready to be planted,
Like the greatest treasure that may be shared without limit,
Like a net of love cast widely and deeply.
Go, in peace and hope for the glory of God.

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for July are Amanda Duffy and Karen Peterson**  
**Today’s Ushers are Karen Rush and Debbie Kantner**  
**Altar Guild representatives for July are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier**  
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**2026 Consistory**

Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)  
Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

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113 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing;  
2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won-drous prais-es speak.  
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe.

*Refrain*  
Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.  
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

MARION  
S.M.Ref.

Seek Ye First 349

*Descant*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -  
D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
G D G D/A G/A D/A Em7/G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Kazuo Iaffaro (1948); lyrics: Matthew 6:33 7:7

ST. ANDREW'S U.C.C.  
MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER & DEVOTION

# I Surrender All

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1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;  
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,  
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;  
4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.  
world - ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.  
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

*Refrain*  
I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,  
I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. VanDeVenter (1855-1939)  
MUSIC: Winfield S. Weeden (1847-1908)

SURRENDER  
8.7.8.7.Ref.

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ is an inclusive community rooted in God's incredible love. Family, youth, and individuals of all ages, gather together in a warm and welcoming atmosphere to worship and praise God through music, prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

At St. Andrew's we strive to make God's message a living reality:

- Our faith inspires us to explore how the scriptures guide us to live and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- We are dedicated to Christian Education and the nurture of spiritual growth for people of all ages.
- We are committed to reaching out to serve our local and world community in Christ's name, offering ourselves and our resources to promote healing, understanding, forgiveness, and love.
- We recognize and honor the image of God in all people. We believe that our relationship with each other is a reflection of our relationship with God.
- We understand ourselves as stewards of many God given gifts. We seek to honor God by lifting up these gifts and dedicating them to the realization of God's vision for a just world.
- *"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it"*  
(1 Corinthians 12:27).

