

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:15 am Worship Service

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, for faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

We don't always see the full picture, but we believe in what God has promised.

Like Abraham and Sarah, we step forward, even when we don't know where the road leads.

We're searching for something more—a home, a hope, a future God is building.

Faith means moving forward, even when we can't see the end. It means trusting God more than our fears.

So here we are. A people on a journey, looking for a better way, a better world, and the God who walks with us.

Hymn #77 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. May we not keep God waiting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need. Too often, we go through the motions offering words without action and worship without justice. We choose comfort over compassion time and time again. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow. By God's mercy and Christ's love, we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nicholas Pence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. By your Spirit enlighten us, illumine us, inspire us, that we may hear and act on your word with a sureness of hope. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 12:32-40

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 #429 If You Will Trust God to Guide You

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Robert

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Jesus said: “Sell your possessions and give alms. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let us honor God with our treasures.

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

Generous God, you see all humankind and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people that they will increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.

Please be seated

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you’re invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ’s Table.)

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Diverse people coming from the east and the west, from the north and the south, to gather about Christ’s table.
This table is for all people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation...
With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:
Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

COMMUNION PRAYER CONTINUES

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another and we may continue faithful in all things.
In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come now for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, inspire us to share our treasures, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #411 How Firm a Foundation

BENEDICTION

Be dressed for action and ready to serve, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. And be not afraid, for it is God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom, an unfailing treasure and eternal blessing. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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Head Ushers for August are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger
Ushers today are Ethel Dietrich and Erin Rush
Communion Servers are Doris Lindmeier and Herb Volk
Altar Guild for the month of August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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Consistory 2025

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush,
Herb Volk (Vice President)
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

Pastor Barb is on vacation August 12-18. Rev. Krey, from St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, is covering pastoral emergencies. If you have an emergency, please call Rev. Krey at 215-260-2862.

Karen Rush will be out of the office August 12, 13 & 14.

GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

77 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
3 Thou art the life by which a - lone we live
4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
thou hast no harsh - ness and no bit - ter - ness;
our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
com - fort us by thy faith and by thy power,
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
come, give us peace, make us so strong and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
shine on us with the light of thy try - ing day.
nor daunt our hearts when comes the u - ni - ty.
and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
that we may con - querors be and ill en - dure.

WORDS: Attr. John Calvin (1509-1564); tr. Elizabeth I. Smith (1817-1898), alt.
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

TOULON
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If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 429

1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
2 God will em - brace your pain and weep - ing, your help - less
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing; so do your

God through all your ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
an - ger and dis - tress. If you are in God's care and
own part faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though un - de -

tide you, and bear you through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
keep - ing, in sor - row will God love you less? For Christ, who
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in God in - deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark (1621-1681);
vss. 1, 3 tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; vs. 2 tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-), alt.
MUSIC: Georg Neumark (1621-1681)
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NEUMARK
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411 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you in trou - ble to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you, I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.; vss. 2-5 para. Isaiah 43:1-5
MUSIC: Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

FOUNDATION
11.11.11.11.