

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15 am Worship Service

August 9, 2026 Liturgist: Lance Ide
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE
GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:1-5, 45b)
O 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.
Remember the wonderful works he has done!
Praise the Lord!

Hymn #31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION
Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God is with you, Christ is present,
the Holy Spirit surrounds you and unites us all.
**But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,
lost our focus on God, and are sinking in sin.**
We can begin again.
Imagine a new way of being.
We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.
We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean.

God loves you,
Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt,
and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation.
In these moments of quiet reflection, confess to God all that separates you from God and
one another.
Silent prayers of confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God’s name will be saved.
We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As this Word is read and
proclaimed, by the power of the Holy Spirit make it become in us the word of faith. Then
send us in joy to bring this word to others who also need the good news of salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Matthew 14:22-33
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 #74 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

God cares for all without distinction and is generous to beyond measure, so we, God's people, are to care for all with generosity and gladness. In faith, we bring our offerings to be used for God's good purposes in the church and in the world.

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, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Receive our gifts and use them to satisfy the hungry and relieve the oppressed and proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated

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.)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

We give thanks to you, creating God...You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise.

Glory to you forever.

You formed us from the earth...to join the song of creation and forever proclaim your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, O God...He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted.

Glory to you forever.

We thank you...poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Glory to you forever.

Remembering his dying...in every corner of the world.

Glory to you forever.

Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.
Amen.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Sharing of the Elements

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

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, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #706 I Come with Joy

BENEDICTION

Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, for God is faithful to a thousand generations.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us all, be with you and among you this day and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

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Head Ushers for August are Amanda Duffy and Tara Howell

Today’s Ushers are Deb Kanter and Erin Rush

Altar Guild representatives for August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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2026 Consistory

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**ST. ANDREW’S U.C.C.
MISSION STATEMENT**

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).

GOD OF CREATION

31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good,
and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-ery-where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784

ELLACOMBE
C.M.D.

GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

74 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E-ter-nal Fa-ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa-ters heard and hushed their rag-ing
3 Cre-a-tor Spir-it, by whose breath were fash-ioned sea and
4 O Trin-i-ty of love and power, pre-serve their lives in

rest-less wave, who told the might-y o-cean deep its
at your word, who walked a-cross the surg-ing deep and
sky and earth; who made the storm-y cha-os cease and
dan-ger's hour; from rock and tem-pest, flood and flame, pro-

own ap-point-ed bounds to keep: O hear us when we
in the storm lay calm in sleep: O hear us when we
gave us life and light and peace: O hear us when we
tect them by your ho-ly name, and to your glo-ry

cry to thee for those in per-il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per-il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per-il on the sea.
let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

WORDS: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.
MUSIC: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

MELITA
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I Come with Joy

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.