

## St Andrew Worship

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Meeting Times

Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introit

“Morning Peal” by Eileen Mihm

Bell Choir

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Ephesians 3:18,19

As we gather in worship, I pray that you

***Being rooted and established in love***

Together, with all the Lord’s holy people,

***To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,***

And to know this love that surpasses knowledge –

***That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Lord, we echo the words of Paul’s prayer as we worship you today. Help us all to know your love.***

#### \*Hymn 300

“We are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

#### *Refrain:*

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:

#### *Refrain:*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:

#### *Refrain:*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

#### *Refrain:*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*God of compassion and mercy, you sent us your Son as the savior of the world, and told us to love one another as much as you loved us. Yet, we struggle to love each other. We have a hard time loving those who are not like us, who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truths about ourselves. You told us to love one another, because love is from You, O God. And we often do not love those we think are dirty, hungry, lost, or undesirable. It is written that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are afraid. Afraid for our safety, our wallets, and how others perceive us. Forgive us, God, and show us how to love the way you command us to love. Release us from our judgment and our fear. Open our hearts so that they might receive your perfect love for us, and offer it to the world.*

*(Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Grace

Friends, the good news is this: love is from God, and we are loved by God.  
God sent Christ into the world to atone for our sins, and in him we are forgiven.

Response

*“Glory Be To The Father”*

Anthem

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”* by Graham Kendrick

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”*

\*Hymn 693

*“Though I May Speak”*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love,  
my words are vain,  
as sounding brass,  
and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love.

*Amen.*

First Lesson:

Acts 11:1-18

<sup>11</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Second Lesson:

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Sermon

“Love One Another”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Affirmation (Unison)

***We are a community of faith. We share a vision of God:  
a God whose spirit is love, accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,  
the source of all being, the way leading to wholeness,  
the spirit which pervades everything.***

***We are reborn in the Spirit, followers of that Way shown by Jesus:  
to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbors as ourselves;  
to treat others as we would have them treat us; to strive for justice and peace;  
to have respect and compassion for every person and for the whole of creation;  
to forgive those who do us harm; to love one another as Christ has loved us.***

***We journey together on this Way towards reconciliation with the whole creation.***

***We break bread together and pray together.***

***We reach out to one another for strength beyond our own.***

***This is our community. This is our faith.***

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Holy Creator, thank you that you are God, and there is no other, you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with an eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom and share your peace. To you be glory and honor for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***Amen.***

\*Hymn 729

“Lord, I want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,  
in my heart (in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,  
in my heart (in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,  
in my heart (in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,  
in my heart (in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart.

Benediction