

St. Andrew Worship

World Communion Sunday

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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** (Lamentations 3, Psalm 137)

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Hymn 39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.***

***Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.***

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.***

***All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

***Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above***

***Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.***

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.***

***All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,***

***Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!***

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.***

***All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,
and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love,
your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

"Come and Fill"

*Hymn 770

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

***I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
(Repeat)***

***I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
(Repeat)***

***I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
(Repeat)***

***Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
(Repeat)***

***We're gonna feast on milk and honey; we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.
(Repeat)***

Prayer of Illumination (Unison) (Luke 17:5–10)

***Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.***

First Lesson:

Psalm 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Second Lesson:

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?" ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?" ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Sermon

"Love, Hate and Communion"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation of Faith- (adapted from the Belhar Confession) (*Unison*)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" by Thomas Keesecker

St. Andrew Choir

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Hymn 507 (during communion) “Come to the Table of Grace” (sing through once before coming to the table)

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.*

*Hymn 361 “O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.*

*Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:*

*One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.*

*Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,*

*There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin and,
all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.*

*This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.*

*The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.*

Benediction