

# St. Andrew Worship

## Stewardship

October 23, 2022

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**Meeting Time**  
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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### Welcome and Announcement

#### Introit

*“Andante” from the Sonata for Flute & Piano (by General John Reid)*

Coty Catlin & Don Adkins

#### Opening Prayer

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls, that we may hear you clearly.

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.

**Amen.**

#### \*Hymn 645

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.***

***With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless  
murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!***

***What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.***

***Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!***

***The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,***

***As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!***

***Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all  
may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.***

***Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!***

Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*) (by Joanna Harader)

Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

***To serve each other in love and humility.***

***To serve your world with wisdom and energy.***

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,  
when our words and actions are not guided by love.

***Turn our hearts when we act in folly.***

***Restore our energy when it is gone.***

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

***But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,***

***And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.***

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace

Hear and believe these words of grace:

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ you are loved, you are forgiven!

***In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!***

***Thanks be to God!***

Gloria Patri

Anthem

“Adagio” (by Mozart)

Coty Catlin & Don Adkins

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

\*Hymn 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

***Refrain:***

***Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.***

***As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.***

***Spirit, open my heart.***

***God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.***

***All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.***

***Refrain***

***Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.***

***In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.***

***Refrain***

***May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.***

***In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.***

***Refrain***

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

***Guide us, oh God, and prepare our hearts to hear your word. Pour into us your grace and strength so that every word comes to us in love and faith. Help us to find the truth that shall set us free. Lead us to the places that are evergreen and where your light brings unending joy. Give us a strong will to follow your way through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

First Lesson:

Psalm 84:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.  
<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest  
for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing  
your praise. *Selah*  
<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart  
are the highways to Zion.  
<sup>6</sup> As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place  
of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.  
<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will  
be seen in Zion.

Second Lesson:

Romans 12:4-13

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Sermon

“Love of Giving”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation of Faith by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill

*We believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need,  
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,  
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
by whom all things are possible.*

*We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy.*

*We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God’s,  
caretakers of God’s home.*

*We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,  
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.  
We believe that God has great things in store for us,  
for it is in giving that we receive.*

Offertory

*"Blythe Was the Time"- a Traditional Celtic Aire*

Coty Catlin & Don Adkins

Doxology

Offering Prayer

*Compassionate Father, thank you that you are our strength and our song, you fill our hearts with joy. May we give our offerings to you with gladness and joy. Everything we have belongs to you and we rejoice to give some of your abundant gifts back to you. Bless the offerings and pledges we give today. Let the majesty of the Father be the light that guides us, the compassion of the Son be the love that inspires us, and the presence of the Spirit be the power that empowers us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

\*Hymn 717

*"For the Life That You Have Given" (2x) (Alt. tune Abbott Leigh)*

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:*

*Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

Benediction