

# St. Andrew Worship

October 9, 2022

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

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## Welcome and Announcement

### Opening Prayer (Unison)

*Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For health and strength, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today as we gather together to worship, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### \*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 Confession

We pause this morning to confess our sin to You. We enter into confession with both gratitude and reluctance. We're grateful we have a gracious God to whom we can confess, but we're reluctant that a deep confession might push the limits of that grace. So we confess, but not too deeply. We admit our wrongdoing but omit the specifics. But You know our hearts, O Lord. You see what is done in secret. You hear our anxious thoughts and know our evil deeds. Forgive us for our deceptiveness even in our confession. Lead us into the depths of our brokenness, that we may experience the heights of Your love. And then teach us how to exhibit Your love to a world that is broken. In the Name Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Time for silent reflection.*

### Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

***We gratefully receive the blessing of forgiveness, celebrating the love we have in Christ!***

Let all God's children say ***Amen!***

### Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"\*Hymn 652

"A Grateful Heart" (alt. tune O Waly, Waly)

*A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.*

*Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with  
gentle hands. Your word is true, your works are just; in you,  
O God, the faithful trust.*

*With saving love, you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery  
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God,  
will never end.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

*Dear Father in heaven, your son promised that we would see him again if we wait patiently and listen to what the Holy Spirit says to us. Illuminate our hearts and send your Spirit in. All that is yours will be ours through your Spirit. I pray that I learn to quiet my mind so I can hear the Holy Spirit. I pray that I am filled with the understanding to know how to follow its guidance for me. Amen.*

First Lesson:

Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

Second Lesson:

Luke 17:11-21

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

<sup>20</sup> Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

Sermon

“A Tith of Gratitude”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation of Faith- ~ written by John Birch

*This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom  
in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask,  
but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that  
you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end,  
and all that is between. We have known your healing.  
We have known your provision, We have known your victory.  
Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy.  
We shall praise you ever more. Amen*

Offering

Doxology

Offering Poem Prayer by Sarah Speed

\*Hymn 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

*With saving love, you set us free, and still you dwell  
in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend.  
Your praise, O God, will never end.*

*How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but  
a start: sincerely and Completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless  
grace, in death and life Extending your covenant embrace.*

*In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
transforming broken people into the holy church.*

*For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

Benediction