

St. Andrew Worship

October 16, 2022

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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We have been blessed by the Eternal God, who has been faithful to us.

As thankful stewards, we will remain faithful to God.

The mystery that has been hidden through the ages...
is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

As redeemed stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ.

God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide, our unfailing source of strength.
As Spirit-filled stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ.

*Hymn 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,***

***Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

***Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting,
nor wasting, thou rulest in might:***

***Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.***

***To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.***

***We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.***

***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.***

***All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!***

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, We can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier. We fear we won't have enough or that we aren't enough. We don't trust you to provide what we need. God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. You know what it takes for the tasks you have called us to. Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and be joyful when we can share with others. (silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Listen! Here is good news.

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

God will forgive you in your failure.

God will accept you as you are.

God will make you what you were meant to be.

This is the Good News of the Gospel, therefore let us sing to the glory of God.

Gloria Patri

Special Music

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer “*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*”

*Hymn 708

“*We Give Thee but Thine Own*”

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly,
as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the
way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Second Lesson:

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Sermon

“Striving with God”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offering

Doxology

Offering Litany (*Myles, Carolyn and Eileen*)

...God gave and gave, and gives and gives; and how do we respond?

We say thank you.

We give what we can.

We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation.

We let it feel like a gift, not a burden.

We show up in this space.

*We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference,
and we refuse to give up on this world.*

Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives.

Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

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

Benediction