

# St. Andrew Worship

November 6, 2022

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Meeting Time  
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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## Welcome and Announcement

### Introit

*“Simple Gifts” arranged by Eileen Mihm*

St. Andrew Bell Choir

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We are a holy tapestry of mystery and meaning,  
***A fine garment of divine blessing and human care,***  
A gentle weave of deep sighs and fervent prayers,  
***A piece of art woven with whispers and exclamation points.***  
We are God’s tapestry—  
***Touched with mystery and filled with meaning.***  
Together, let us worship the Living God!

### \*Hymn 305

*“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”*

***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!***

***In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

***Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!***

***In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

***Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!***

***In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!***

***In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

## Call to Confession

Christ, the Bread of Life and the True Vine, offers us the gifts that nourish the soul. Yet in our brokenness, we have spurned his love, which could amply supply our need. So let us together confess our sin. Let us pray:

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

***O Lord, we come out of the routines and confusions of yet another week into the calm peace of your house of worship. May we not use this as a hiding place or come out of habit, but as an opportunity to set things right in our minds, to have our hearts strengthened and our spirits challenged that we might be your servants and witnesses in the week ahead. Take from us now all that hinders our closeness to you as we make our confessions known to you in silent prayer.***

### Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. There is no chasm that cannot be bridged; no loss that cannot be recovered; no mistake that cannot be forgiven; no life that cannot be redeemed by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!***

Anthem

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* arranged by Matt Johnson

St. Andrew Bells Choir

### Prayers of the People

*“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”*

### \*Hymn 370

*“This is My Father’s World”*

***This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,  
and round me rings the music of the spheres.***

***This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.***

***This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the  
wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.***

***This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died  
shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.***

### Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, we call upon you to open our eyes and hearts to your Word and your Spirit today, so we may be able to discern your guiding voice and to seek to be your faithful servants. Stir our imaginations and help us to be your creative stewards in sharing your Good News in word and in deed. ***Amen.***

### Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 8 (*Responsive Reading*)

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> ***Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.***
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- <sup>4</sup> ***what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?***
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> ***You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,***
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> ***the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.***
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

New Testament Lesson:

John 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon

“Conversations of Faith”

Rev. Jim Bender

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

***Most giving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need. You open our lips to offer you praise. You strengthen our hands to respond to Christ’s call. With hearts, hands and voices renewed by your Spirit, we bring now to you our commitment to serve. Use us in ways that will benefit others, and accept what we offer as a sign of our faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.***

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

***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 to give thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Closing Prayer

***Gracious God, whose Spirit is working for peace among us and within us; you have called us to be your people, and have invited us to break bread in common faith. We thank you for all things that make for unity in this world: for open minds and hearts, for patient understanding, for the power of love. Above all, we thank you for your Son, who prays for us, that we may be one in charity toward each other serving him who is our heard, Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray, “Our Father....”***

\*Hymn 516

*“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”*

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,*

*For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

Benediction