

# St. Andrew Worship

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Meeting Time

Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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## Welcome and Announcement

### Introit

*“Dance of the Blessed Spirits”* by Christoph Willibald Gluck

Flute, Coty Catlin & Piano, Don Adkins

### \*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

To all searching for grace and truth,

***Come and see!***

To all searching for meaning and purpose,

***Come and see!***

To all searching for abundant life,

***Come and see!***

Let us worship God together.

### \*Hymn 408

*“There is a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

***There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;***

***There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.***

***Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;***

***Refrain: And for these blessings we lift our hearts  
in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.***

***There are blessings you cannot receive till you  
know him in his fullness and believe;***

***You’re the one to profit when you say,  
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”***

***Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;***

### ***Refrain***

### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us...***

***...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,***

***...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,***

***...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,***

***...for the times we have turned away from your children in need. For the many ways we fail to follow  
Jesus, forgive us.***

***Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed.  
Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we’ve experienced in Jesus Christ.  
Amen.***

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (Based on Psalm 40)

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us.  
The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Anthem

“Sinfonia” from Cantata No 156 by Johann Sebastian Bach

Flute, Coty Catlin & Piano, Don Adkins

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

\*Hymn 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Refrain: O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;***

***I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.***

***O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.***

***My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but,  
Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.***

***O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;***

***O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak,  
and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.***

***O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that  
where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.***

***Refrain***

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

***God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, invite us into your Word.***

***Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.***

First Lesson:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Lesson:

John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi", "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah". <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas".

Sermon

"What are you looking for?"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation (From A Brief Statement of Faith) (Unison)

*In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Offertory

"Silent Worship" by George Frederic Handel

Doxology

Flute, Coty Catlin & Piano, Don Adkins

Offering Prayer (Unison)

*Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

\*Hymn 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

Benediction