

# St. Andrew Worship

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

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## Welcome and Announcement

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

***We are the salt of the earth.***

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

***We are the light of the world.***

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

***The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.***

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

***Come, let us love one another with the love of God.***

***Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.***

### \*Hymn 510

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

***We gather here in Jesus’ name;***

***his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;***

***for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:***

***Refrain: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.***

***No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.***

***Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.***

***He joins us here; he breaks the bread;***

***the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;***

***the one we love the most is now our gracious host:***

***Refrain:***

***We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.***

***Though unseen, he meets us herein the breaking of the bread.***

***We’ll gather soon where angels sing;***

***we’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;***

***now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:***

***Refrain:***

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

*Sovereign Creator, You spoke all that exists into being. You have made everything for its purpose. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart from Your perfect knowledge. You alone are the Sovereign Lord over all history.*

*Yet we confess that we have little faith. We worry about the same things that the world worries about. We confess that we are often anxious, trying to figure out the future and plan for every possibility. We obsess over the latest bad news as if by obsessing we can control things. We get stressed over the uncertainties of life rather than praying about them.*

*Lord, forgive us for our doubt and fear. Strengthen our faith to more firmly believe Your promise that if we seek Your kingdom first, You will take care of all our needs. Give rest to our minds by fixing them on Your sovereign power and perfect wisdom. Give peace to our hearts by anchoring them in Jesus, who has overcome the world by His glorious resurrection. Through Jesus, our Living Hope, we pray. Amen.*

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us speak the Lord's peace to one another.

*May the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding and all misunderstanding, be yours today and always. Amen*

Anthem

"Ceitic Laud" by Craig Courtney

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People

"Come and Fill"

\*Hymn 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.*

*Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

*Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,*

*To be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Prayer of Illumination (Responsive)

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens.

Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Spirit.

*Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits  
revive in response to your Holy Word. Amen.*

First Lesson:

Psalm 112:1-9a

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.  
<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
<sup>5</sup> It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.  
<sup>7</sup> They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.  
<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
<sup>9</sup> They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

“Righteousness Anxiety”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offertory

Piano, Don Adkins

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

***Blessed are you, God of Creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.***

***Accept and use our offering for your glory and for the service of your kingdom in Christ’s name. Amen.***

Communion

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 for us to give thanks and praise.***

\*Hymn 739

*“O for a Closer Walk with God” (alt tune Amazing Grace)*

*O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.*

*The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

Benediction