

St. Andrew Worship

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Father's Day
Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive) Psalm 103

Come, bless the Lord with me!

For the Lord is like a father to his children
compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

*He forgives our sins, and heals the sickness inside us;
he surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives
with good things! LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!*

*Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.*

*Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain { *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!* }

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Refrain

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Gracious God, you are the Creator of the ends of the earth, and yet you call us your children. You are greater than we can ever begin to imagine, and yet you invite us to call you “Our Father”. Always you have loved us: *forgive our feeble response.*

Gracious God, forgive us that we call you “Our Father” but fail to live as your children. We do not trust you as we should, preferring instead to follow our own inclinations. ... We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying your instructions. We are slow to ask your guidance, but swift to forget you and wander from your side. We all too rarely thank you for what we have, but all too often complain when we do not receive what we ask for. Always you have loved us: *forgive our feeble response*

Gracious God, our Father, we praise and thank you for your undeserved goodness, and we resolve today to live more faithfully as your children. Always you have loved us: *forgive our feeble response. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen*

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

The Lord is like a father to us, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love. And as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. So be a peace: you are forgiven! *Thanks be to God!*

Gloria Patri

Anthem

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. by Jason W. Krug

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, _____ Lord, send your
Spir-it in this place; _____ Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing, _____ send us love, send us power, send us grace. _____

*Hymn 834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger
near; when my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

*Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us.
Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our
living. Amen.*

First Lesson:

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise: ³ “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Sermon

“Fathers”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation (Unison) by Lisa Frenz

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.

Offertory

“*Summer Prayer*” by Eileen Mihm

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.

Benediction (Responsive)

Go forth, as God’s beloved children.

God’s love surrounds us like a father’s love.

Go in the knowledge of God’s comfort and protection.

God’s strength empowers us to be the best we can be.

Go in God’s grace,

We go to share the love of God with all we meet!