

# St. Andrew Worship

August 13, 2023

Sunday at 10:30 AM

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: [www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)

## Service Online

### Join on Zoom:

Dial: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 831 688 4211

Password: 9850

Use \*6 to unmute your phone

### Live Streaming on YouTube:

@standrewpresbyterianchurch4863

## Welcome and Announcement

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Here, in this place,

*God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:*

here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

*Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:*

here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

*Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:*

here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

### \*Hymn 177

*"I Will Come to You"*

*(You Are Mine)*

*"I will come to you in the silence;*

*I will lift you from all your fear.*

*You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be*

*still and know I am here.*

*"I am hope for all who are hopeless;*

*I am eyes for all who long to see. In the*

*shadows of the night, I will be your light.*

*Come and rest in me.*

Refrain { *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine.* }

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*"I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
all will know my name.*

*Refrain*

*"I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I  
am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand  
up, now walk and live!*

*Refrain*

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

*God, You call us to step out in faith,  
to place our lives in Your hands,  
and to wholeheartedly commit to following You.  
We confess that we find this difficult to do.  
It is not always easy to follow where You lead—  
to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,  
to let go of our safety nets  
and trust that You will provide for us in all things.  
Forgive us when we doubt You, God.  
Increase our faith.  
Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,  
to Your broader vision for us and for our world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*(Time for silent reflection)*

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

**Online Viewers:** You can text Pastor Anne your Prayer Request the night before and she will read it for you. If on Zoom you can unmute or raise your hand to signal you want to share a prayer request.

### 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 353

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but  
wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain { *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all  
other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.* }

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
changing grace; in every high and stormy gale, my  
anchor holds within the veil.*

*Refrain*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the  
whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he  
then is all my hope and stay.*

*Refrain*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in  
him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, fault-  
less to stand before the throne.*

*Refrain*

## Prayer of Illumination (*Responsive*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. *Amen.*

## First Lesson: Psalm 105:1-6

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

This is the word of the lord

*Thanks be to God*

## Hold Fast

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David Robinson

**Lively**

A D A D A E A E

5 Hold fast to the word, the life, the teach-ing, the ho-ly Gos-pel of God. Hold

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## Second Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Sermon

“Where We Walk”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*We believe in God, maker of all things,  
provider of all things, who loves all people.*

*We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:  
he sees us for who we are,  
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.*

*In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.*

*We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
which empowers us for self-giving love.*

*We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,  
and for the gift of forgiveness,  
the power of resurrection  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.*

Offertory

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

*Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.*

\*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.*

Benediction