

St Andrew Worship September 1, 2024

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Meeting Times

Sunday at 10:30 Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,
**and so we mix our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

**God challenges us to consider questions of priority
as we engage as doers of God's word.**

In this time together,

may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

allowing us to see deeper,

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

GtG # 14

For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale,
and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth,
and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great,
great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name,

but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Sung Assurance of Grace *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

GtG # 39

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!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *Come and Fill*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone O Lord are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

Prayers lifted to God

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

GtG # 503

Lord, we have come
at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted
your friends;

Yours is the strength
that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment
we know never ends.

Yours is the strength
that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment
we know never ends.

Here, at your table,
confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness
and grace;

Teach us to serve
without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom,
whatever our place.

Teach us to serve
without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom,
whatever our place.

May we increasingly glory
in learning
all that it means
to accept you as Lord.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. **Amen.**

First Lesson: James 1:17-27 NT page 229

Second Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NT page 42

Sermon

"Doers of the Word"

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

Doxology

Offering Prayer (responsive)

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away. - Mark 7:6

Lord, let our hearts not be far from you.

Help us reach out to our neighbor, even when we are busy or tired.

Let us tear down walls when we'd rather let them stand.

Stretch us, please.

Whether we are visiting a prisoner, offering a smile, feeding the hungry,
be within us so that whatever we do, we do with your love. Amen.

COMMUNION

Responsive Reading

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....

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we
sing to you.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!*

Song During Communion *Let Us Break Bread Together*

GtG # 525

*Let us break bread together
on our knees; (on our knees)*

*let us break bread together
on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy
on me. (on me)
Let us drink wine together
on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together
on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy
on me. (on me)
Let us praise God together
on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together
on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy
on me. (on me)*

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* GtG # 308 (Alt. Tune Ellacombe)

O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.

Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;

deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.

So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter,
grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.

Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power
and faith
to live the words we say.

Benediction

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!