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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 13, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT

Musette -Bach

Coty Caitlin and Don Adkins

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Let us gather in celebration!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

Spirit, Open My Heart

GtG #692

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Refrain

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ may we welcome one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy, we confess our sin to you.

We confess that we forget you.

We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors.

We are so attached to our own will that we forget yours.

We are so aware of our need, we forget our calling.

We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours.

Bring us back to mindfulness, God. Forgive us, and be generous with your grace. Heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us, and re-create us in your image. Awaken us to your gifts in us, that we might live by them with trust and courage. Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsive*)

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Serenade -Haydn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God

The 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

GtG #708

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God, one of the great gifts that you have shared with us is your word. Open our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and the message is proclaimed. Help us to hear with anticipation what you have to say and give us a sense of urgency to share it with others. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 90:12-17

OT page #548

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

NT page #46

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own,

and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

SERMON

Treasure in Heaven

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH by Bruce Prewar

We believe in the debonaire God
who clothes the wildflowers
dressing them so superbly
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus
the Source of abundance,
full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God
who turns the other cheek,
goes the second mile,
turns water into the best wine,
brings healing with his every touch,
and who welcomes a woman's love
as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,
and kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,
the Source of abundance
wherever we turn
and no matter what we do.

Amen

OFFERING

Offertory Prayer for Peace

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER *(unison)*

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending GtG #716
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

BENEDICTION

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

Upcoming Events	
Today!	Cluster 1: Neighborhood Grill (see Eileen Mihm) Cluster 2: Ella's (see Pat Manning)
Monday, October 14	Book Study @ 1 PM Bell Choir @ 2:30 PM
Tuesday, October 15	Deacons Meeting @ 10 AM Session Meeting @ 7 PM
Thursday, October 17	Choir Rehearsal @ 2-3 PM
Sunday, October 27	Game Day! After church. See insert for details

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack

GREETERS: Marian Langdon & Judy Zscheile

LITURGIST: Gene Burk

COUNTER: Shari Gallegos

Stewardship: After prayerfully considering your contribution to St. Andrew Church for 2025, please return your pledge card by October 27, Dedication Sunday. You can email your intentions to the church office and that will count as your pledge. Please note if the amount is weekly, monthly or yearly. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

GAME DAY – Sunday, October 27 at 11:30 in Hubler Hall



There will be lunch, treats, and a slew of easily learned, fun to play games for all ages. Please consider inviting your friends, neighbors, children or grandchildren to join us. Games, lunch and fellowship – what could be better?