



**St. Andrew
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

November 10, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

Our souls long for you, O God.

When shall we behold your face?

Our souls are uneasy.

When shall hope lead us to praise you again?

During the day, your steadfast love sustains us.

During the night, your song washes over us.

Our hope leads us to praise you.

We praise you, our song of hope.

***HYMN**

Take My Life

GtG # 697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift
and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with
messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power
as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all
for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to the joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.

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.

ANTHEM

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: O Lord, Hear Our Prayer *(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

When Peace like a River

GtG # 840

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.
He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.
Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

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Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

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As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those

who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We are a community of faith. We share a vision of God:

a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,
the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness,
the spirit which pervades everything.

We are reborn in the Spirit,

followers of that Way shown by Jesus:

to love God with our whole being;
to love our neighbors as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us;
to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person
and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm;
to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We journey together on this Way

towards reconciliation with the whole creation.

We break bread together and pray together.

We reach out to one another

for strength beyond our own.

This is our community. This is our faith.

OFFERING

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*)

O Lord, you graciously pour out your blessings on us. Your gifts surround us.

Despite our abundance, help us see the widow's gift, for we long to give as she did, gladly giving all she had. All we have is a gift from your hand. Help us loosen our hands, giving to

the work of this church on your behalf, for in giving freely to you, we gain the opportunity to live abundant lives! AMEN

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* GtG #39

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.
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.
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!
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!
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!

BENEDICTION

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

Upcoming Events	
Monday, November 11	Operations Meeting 11:00 am Bell Choir @ 2:30 PM
Tuesday, November 12	Deacons Meeting 10:00 am
Wednesday, November 13	Outreach Meeting 12 noon

Today's Servers

COFFEE HOSTS: Sharon and David Allshouse
LITURGIST: Sharon Allshouse
COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

Congregational *Meeting*

Our Annual Congregational meeting takes place November 24th following worship. Election of officers and approval of Pastor's Housing allowance will be considered.



ST ANDREW DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Whether you're representing your clan, or you just really like plaid, it's time to suit up for St. Andrew day.

On Sunday, November 17th the Enrichment and Nurture Committees will be celebrating St Andrew day with a procession and Celtic music by Coty Catlin. After worship join in a courtyard gathering to enjoy hot cider and wonderful Scottish fare.