



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for June 7, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.

Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

God's love endures forever.

Amen! Let us worship together.

***Hymn**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GtG # 435

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace!

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

Speak, O Lord by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

St. Andrew Choir

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer

"Come and Fill"

(pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God

***Hymn**

I Come with Joy

GtG # 515

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find,
as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear, and showing us a new way forward. Amen.

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: *A Call to Repentance* 6 "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Second Lesson:**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26****NT page #9**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Sermon**Mercy Not Sacrifice****The Rev. Anne McAnelly****WE RESPOND IN FAITH****Offering****Offertory****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*)

Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in your promises to heal, reconcile and bring justice and peace. May all that we offer be transformed into signs of your love and acts of your mercy. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

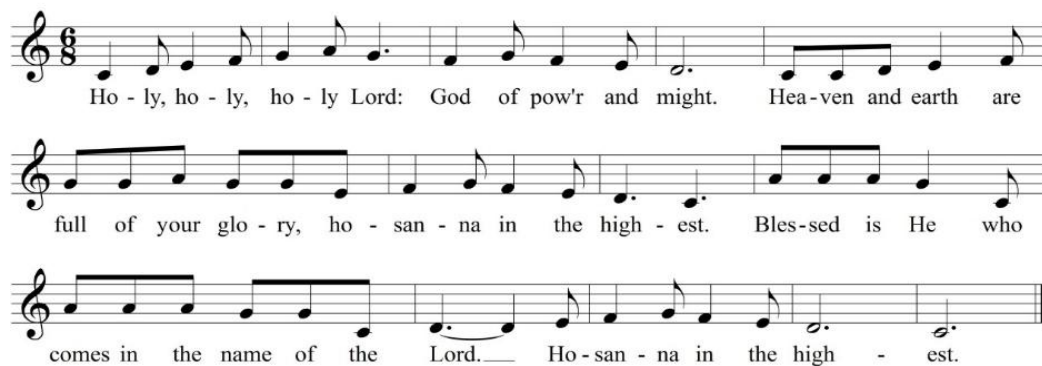
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



... And so, we remember again as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace

GtG# 507

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

I Danced in the Morning

GtG # 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. **(Refrain)**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. **(Refrain)**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. **(Refrain)**

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Dorothy Glaum

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan

ACCOMPANIST: Derek Hamersly

OFFERING COUNTERS: David and Sharon Allshouse

COMMUNION: Keith McKenzie, Janet Maack and Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Foothill Community Presbyterian Church which is a community-focused congregation located in East San Jose founded in 1964.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, Open Mic benefit for Veterans from 1-3PM in the courtyard. All are welcome.

Monday:

- **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

Tuesday:

- **Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas**
- **Bible Study, Following Jesus by Henri Nouwen at 1PM, Zoom, Please read CH. 6**

Wednesday:

- **Outreach Meeting at Noon, Zoom**
- **Common Roots Farm:** St. Andrew men carpool from the church parking lot at 9AM. Please let David Allshouse know if you have questions.

*Thursday: **Office Closed***

*Saturday: **Men's Breakfast at 9AM in Hubler Hall. All men are welcome.***

Upcoming Event

- **June 14th:** Lunch Cluster #2 meeting at Golden China Restaurant (1866 Main St., Watsonville) hosted by Eileen Mihm
- **June 28th:** Lunch Cluster #1 meeting at The Whale City Café & Brewery (7941 Soquel Dr., Aptos) at Noon hosted by Stan Cowan

SAVE THE DATE

- **Sept. 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM