

THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026



St. Andrew

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Worshipping together, through Christ, we are made one with God.



Community

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Crane, Worship Leader

PRELUDE - No. 475 GTG
No. 384 GTG

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Soon and Very Soon*

NETTLETON
SOON AND VERY SOON

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*)

AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.

From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:

**Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come.

Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

*HYMN – No. 263 GTG *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

*OPENING PRAYER

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give and take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope, our confidence, and your beloved Son. **Amen.**

***CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus said: Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin is forgiven. You have been freed for service in His name.

RESPONSE – No. 695 GTG** ***Change My Heart, O God CHANGE MY HEART

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also, with you.

(As a forgiven people, greet and share the Peace of Christ with one another.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jenna Hargrave, Reader

Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions.

Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 24:24-38, 42-49, 58-67; Romans 7:15-25a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 378 UMH

Amazing Grace

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*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 34 GTG

Nicene Creed

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God gave the only begotten Son so that we may have eternal life through him. Let us
off our thanksgiving with the gifts of our lives. (Please place tithes and offerings in
one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, Wind carrying the Word of salvation
to the world, you who are the One in Three, thank you for calling us by name,
for providing for our needs, for freeing us to live in union with Christ.

We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good.

Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

*DOXOLOGY – No. 408 GTG *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LITURGY – Page 8 GTG

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south
and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at the table with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and
broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were then opened, and they recognized Him.
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast that
He has prepared.

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 338 GTG *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE – No. 547 GTG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (1st verse) VAJDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu for this week features Butter Chicken, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 pm on Monday. You may sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter or by contacting the Church office at 903-758-4952. If you're on the Permanent list and won't attend, please contact the Church office.

One Love will be making snack bags on July 8th at 1:30 pm. We have met our goal with your help! Thank you for your generosity in helping One Love meet their goal!

The **Pride** event in Longview takes place on Saturday, July 11th from 3-8 p.m. at Maude Cobb. CUMC and St. Andrew will have a double booth. Sign up to volunteer through the Church office.

Texas Shakespeare Festival Event “1776” will be on Sunday, July 19th at 2 pm. After the play, we will all get together at a local restaurant for dinner.

Feeding our Firefighters: We feed all three 7-person crews at Station 6 once a month. Our July theme is Main Dishes, with deliveries on Mon. 7/27, Wed. 7/29 & Fri. 7/31 afternoons. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

Grace Presbytery's second seminar is July 23rd, 6-7:30 pm, via Zoom. This is our presbytery at work, engaging congregations and informing them of issues impacting our neighbors. Please sign up here. <https://gracepresbytery.org/event/housing-webinar-caring-for-and-housing-our-unsheltered-neighbors/>

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