

THE LORD'S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026



St. Andrew

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Community

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Hargrave, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *Charles Ives – In the Mornin*

Baritone – Matthew McKinnon

*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

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN – No. 361 GTG

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*OPENING PRAYER

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives
so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help,
we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.

**We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice
all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
we would be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

**And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

***RESPONSE – No. 582 GTG**

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

GLORY TO GOD

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

And also, with you.

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jenna Hargrave, Reader

God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 418 GTG *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – DEE SWEET

*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 35 GTG *Apostles Creed*

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Brothers and Sisters, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. As an act of worship, let us now return to God our offering. *(Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

*DOXOLOGY – No. 609 GTG *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 339 GTG

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE & BLESSING

UPDATE – PASTOR STAN AND ED BLACKSTONE

*POSTLUDE *Father in Heaven, We do Believe*

JANE ROMNEY CRAWFORD

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 on August 26th features **Chicken spaghetti**, side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 a.m. on Monday. You may sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter, by the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday, or by contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

Newgate Mission Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 29th @ 7:00 a.m., and need volunteers to cook and serve. Please get in touch with Steve Crane @ 903.452.2925 if you can volunteer for this wonderful event.

POTLUCK Sunday is August 30th! Please bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for food and fellowship. The Church will be providing fried chicken.

CPS Hygiene Bags CPS called Sondra requesting additional hygiene bags for younger children. We need travel-size supplies for 40 bags. Items needed by Sept. 9th are shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.

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