

THE LORD'S DAY  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2026



**St. Andrew**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Community**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**GATHERING**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenna Hargrave, Worship Leader

PRELUDE

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

\*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

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.**

Glory is His name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He  
uttered, O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

\*HYMN – No. 450 GTG

***Be Thou My Vision***

SLANE

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten You, but You will not be stayed.

You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks.

Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son You sent and through the Spirit that gives us life.  
**Amen.**

**\*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sisters and brothers, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

**God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards;**

**we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others.**

**We fail to trust Your power, hidden in all things.**

**We fail to watch for You, working out Your purposes.**

**Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please turn to your neighbor and share these words of assurance: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

**\*RESPONSE – No. 581 GTG**

***Glory Be to the Father***

GLORIA PATRI

**\*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

John Hargrave, Reader

Spirit of Life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – No. 735 GTG

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### MESSAGE

\*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 34 GTG

*Nicene Creed*

### \*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The apostle Paul promises that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

We trust that God will bring forth good from that which we offer today.

It is our privilege to participate in the unfolding of God's grace in the world.

Let us give with grateful and expectant hearts.

(Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen**

\*DOXOLOGY – No. 606 GTG *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

### 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. 465 GTG      *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*      CONVERSE

## \*CHARGE & BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE      Improvisation on “Lift Every Voice and Sing”      LIFT EVERY VOICE

## 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!

**We WON'T have WNL this Wed. July 29<sup>th</sup>, or next week, August 5<sup>th</sup>, so Chef Barbi can have a break. She will make her “come back” on Wed. August 12<sup>th</sup>, with something amazing!**

**Unity Committee** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8/4 at 5:30 p.m. **Building & Grounds Ministry Group** will meet on Wed. 8/5 at 5:00 p.m. **Worship & Music Ministry Group** Meeting will be held on Sunday, 8/9 at 11:15 am.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

The Session of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, August 2, 2026, following our morning worship. The business of the meeting will be the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee. We are entering new territory as we will select members of St. Andrew for the committee and ask Community United Methodist members to approve two of their members to serve on that committee, as we seek to find and call a pastor to serve our community.

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