

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kate Estes, Worship Leader

MINUTE FOR MISSION WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

PRELUDE *You are Near* DAN SCHUTTE*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**

The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.”

How is God at work in us?

**God enables us through grace to love God,
neighbor, self, and all creation.**

Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with the grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

**We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God,
neighbor, self, and all creation.**

*HYMN – No. 141 UMH *Children of the Heavenly Father*
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***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus
is your beauty veiled in human flesh,
the love we witness from Bethlehem to Golgotha
is your love contracted to a span.

**If Christ's life is so holy as to fill us with wonder,
how much more would your unveiled beauty
leave us overwhelmed and trembling?**

**You are more than the eye could bear,
more than the mind can ever fathom.**

**Yet you have so carefully made us
that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you.**

**Gratefully, we bring our little lives to you,
asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love,
and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul's desire.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN – No. 70 UMH *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ted Keebaugh, Reader

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that,
being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened
to know the things that pertain to life and holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LORD OF THE DANCE

OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 157 UMH *Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “How Firm a Foundation”*

FOUNDATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

**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 all Yours
now and forever. Amen**

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings and ourselves in your hands. **Amen**

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 September 30th features **Lasagna**, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. Adults pay \$10, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 p.m. Monday on the website, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex on Sunday, email the office, or call the office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday.

Seven people will weave the communion table to celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on **October 4th**, at the beginning of the church service. We need five more people to help with the weaving and will practice on Wednesday, September 30th, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please contact Katy Manck or Robin Burns to volunteer or learn more.

Election info: Is your voter registration up-to-date? The last day to register to vote in 11/3/26 elections is Tuesday, Oct 5th.

At <https://www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/texas-voter-registration/> you can check your registration, change your address, learn how to vote by mail, register to vote, and more. **Early in-person voting runs 19-30 October at select sites in each county, and Election Day is Tuesday 11/3. St. Andrew is an Election Day polling place, but not an early voting site.**

Gilmont Camp & Conference Center is hosting a **Battle of the Bags fundraiser** and new building dedication on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Sign up in the Narthex to play cornhole or enjoy a burger lunch.

Rev. Ted V. Foote Jr. will be joining the East Texas Pastors Cohort for lunch on October 22, 2026 at the Longview United Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Center St., Longview. If you would like to attend, please contact Michele Goff

at michele@gracepresbytery.org or call her at 918.232.6422.

THE LORD'S DAY

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears
to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from old, things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and his might and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:1-4*



St. Andrew

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we are made one with God*

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