



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3rd, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand as marked**

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

As we light the Christ Candle, we are mindful of the promise of God: "Commit your way to the Lord: trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noon-day sun" *Psalm 37*

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, let us draw near; Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as the family in Christ

All: We are children of God, heirs of grace.

One: O people, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

All: We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

One: O people, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

All: We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

One: O people, pay attention! Whether in rushing wind or a gentle breathe, the Holy Spirit welcomes all of us here, for we are children of God together by grace.

All: We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit. May you rush into our hearts and fill our souls anew. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithfully dedicated to you, our God. Amen.

***Hymn: VU 289 – *It Only takes a Spark* (on-screen)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

The Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalms 49:1-13

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: VU 477 – *I Come with Joy* (on-screen)**

Sermon – ‘Does Your Stuff Own You?’

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: Then Let Us Sing – *Build A Longer Table* (on-screen)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

***Offering Dedication – *Give Thanks* (on-screen)**

Offertory Prayer

(in-unison)

Although silent, we ask that you bless the gifts that have been gathered especially for you, and may all gifts be received by you, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION

Prayers of the People *(responsively)*

‘Merciful God; hear our prayer.’

One: All this we commend to you God in the name of Jesus. We are bold now to close these prayers with the prayer He taught us to say: **The Lord’s Prayer** *(on-screen)*

Commissioning (*in-unison*)

We go forth now with the blessing of God to take the kingdom into all the world. We go forth now with the blessing of Christ to meet all people as sisters and brothers on this journey of faith and life.

We go forth now with the blessing of the Holy Spirit who empowers us, gives us wisdom and gives us strength and courage for this day and the week ahead. Amen.

Blessing

May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings;
Slow to make enemies, quick to make friends.
And rich or poor, quick or slow,
May the blessing of God go with you wherever you go.

***Closing Hymn: VU 236 – *Now Thank We All Our God* (on-screen)**

Musical Postlude

***The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes
all visitors and newcomers!***

*If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our
Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after
service.*

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider
Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ
Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound
Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation
Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design