



*When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.
Luke 14:13*

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31st, 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

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who long to walk in the way of Christ.

All: We come to listen, to learn, and to live by God's wisdom.

Leader: Set aside the places of honour; take the seat of humility.

All: For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be lifted up.

Leader: Let us worship the One who invites all to the table; especially those with nothing to give in return.

**All: With hearts open to grace, we come to worship the Lord.
Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

Merciful God, you invite us to live with humility; to take the lower seat, to love without seeking reward. Yet we confess that we often chase recognition, protect our pride, and serve only when it suits us. You call us to remember those forgotten, welcoming the stranger, honouring relationships, and being content with what we have. Too often, we turn inward, neglecting the needs of others and grasping for what does not last. Forgive us, Lord, when our lives do not reflect Your generous love. Renew our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live uprightly, love freely, and walk humble in Your Grace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: – VU 281 - I Sing the Mighty Power of God.**
(on-screen)

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Proverbs 25:4-8

Psalms 112

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Luke 14:1, 7-14

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: – MV 172 – God Says** *(on-screen)*

Sermon – Humble Following

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** *(on-screen)*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

***Offering Dedication – The Lord is Good to Me** *(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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

‘Merciful God, hear your people praying.’

Leader: Following the example of Jesus’ disciples, we close all our prayers with His Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer *(on-screen)*

Commissioning *(in unison)*

We go now with the peace of God surrounding us as we journey onward.

We go now with the leading of Jesus; though paths be strange, places unknown and people unmet who are just friends awaiting us.

We go now with the Holy Spirit who sustains, sanctifies and blesses us with wisdom and courage as we journey onward.

Blessing

May God give you the grace to walk humbly, seeking a path of quiet service.

May Jesus himself call you forward, saying, “Friend, come up higher.”

As you live with compassion, welcome the stranger, and honour others above yourself.

As you leave here today, go in peace and walk in the ways of Christ, with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 273 – *The King of Love, My Shepherd is.
(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