

15th Sunday after Pentecost September 21st, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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*Those who are able, please stand as marked

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.

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: Together we sing –

Jesus Comes to Me:

Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree, and I receive him as an autumn tree. Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze like a torch in the quietness of closing days and carrying the wood of winter.

*Share the Peace of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed is the name of the Lord!

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise God. All: We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.

Leader: The Glory of the Lord is high above the heavens, but God

raises up the poor and needy on the earth.

All: So, we will sing God's praise.

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

God our Creator, You sustain your creation as the sources of life for every precious thing. You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, and so we offer you our love and loyalty; for without you we would not be. Receive our worship this day, O God. Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour and amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus Christ. We ask that your power be at work in us and among us through the Hoy Spirit. Amen.

^{*}Opening Hymn: – MV 10 – Come, and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (on-screen)

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 79:1-9

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Luke 16:1-13

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: Then Let Us Sing 130 – Who Will Speak a Word of Warning? (on-screen)

Sermon – Less is More

Rev. Scott Brown

*Hymn: VU 342 - You Servants of God (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 to harvest; to harvest the bounty of God's creation. We go now to harvest; to harvest those in spiritual need as we are sent by Jesus into the fields that are ripe with hungry souls who may not even know they are starving.

We go now to harvest: with the tools of wisdom, peace and courage to greet all that this week's journey of life will send us. We go now to harvest.

Celtic Autumn Equinox Blessing

The light and the dark are the same in length, they have equal time and equal strength, but soon the darkness will prevail, and the light and warmth will begin to pale. But do not be afraid, do not dismay, for this is the rhythm of Nature's way. Rejoice in the abundance that this year bears, breathe deep in the coolness and change in the air. have gratitude and blessing, keep too, and may this shift of nature enlighten your soul. Glory to God, the Spirit, the Son, The ever eternal three in one. Amen.

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

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider Vince Anderson – Lead Musician Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

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