



*The Iniquitous Judge
Eugene Burnand 1910*

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19th, 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 worshipping 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

L: God promises us justice,

C: and teaches us persistence.

L: God promises us compassion,

C: and teaches us not to lose heart.

L: God promises to be with us,

C: and teaches us to tend to each other.

L: So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge;

C: We will offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.

Opening Hymn: VU #660 – *How Firm a Foundation
(lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in-unison)

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, you breathe life into all things and nourish your whole creation. You are a rock and refuge for your people, for you are trustworthy in all things. Your desire for peace with justice can never be defeated. You alone can bring life out of death, and restore wholeness to broken lives, so we praise you and rejoice in the hope you offer. For your love is the power at work in every situation, seeking goodness and revealing truth. It is a love that will never let us go. In our time

of worship, we offer you our love and loyalty through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm

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The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Luke 19:1-8

These are the words of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

(lyrics on screen)

Sermon – Persistence Payoff

Rev. Scott Brown

Hymn: VU #652 – *Be Still My Soul *(lyrics on screen)*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

Offering Dedication: VU #538 – *For the Gift of Creation*

(lyrics on-screen)

Offertory Prayer *(in unison)*

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

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

‘Merciful God, hear your people praying.’

COMMISSIONING *(in unison)*

We go now in steadfastness and perseverance to speak of love and grace into all situations where it is needed.

We go now in wisdom to seek leaders who will act justly and walk humbly before God.

We go now with the Holy Spirit that its light may shine brightly for all to see the warmth and caring of Jesus, our redeemer.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

May you receive the fits that you need this day and this week from the Creator of the heavenly lights.

May you be supplied with all strength necessary from the Holy Spirit to accomplish the tasks that are set before you.

And may you be blessed with perseverance for any and all trails that come your way, know that you will receive the crown of life that Jesus has promised to those who love him. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: I'll Fly Away** *(lyrics on screen)*

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Alan Shugg – Scripture Reader

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Patricia Wilson – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design