



Jacob's Dream Encounter

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

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**

Jesus Comes to Me as a Summer Tree (lyrics on screen)

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(congregation's response in **BOLD**)

We gather in the presence of God.

All: We have come to worship and praise God's name.

We gather in joy and expectancy.

All: We come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.

We gather to hear the parables that Jesus tells us to everyone listening.

All: We have come with open and expectant ears and hearts.

Speak now Lord, for your servants are listening.

All: Speak your word of life to us, O Holy Spirit of God.

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

Creator God, in you we live and move and have our being; You have been with us through good times and difficult one. You give us strength to face the challenges around us. You offer us rest for our bodies and souls when life seems too demanding. We turn to you for wisdom this day, trusting we will find the peace and comfort we long for in your presence. We praise you for all you offer us in your great faithfulness. Fill us with your Spirit in this time of worship. Open our minds and hearts, so that we may see as you see, love as you love and follow your ways, for the sake of Jesus who is our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Old Testament

Genesis 20:10-19a

Jacob's dream of the ladder

Psalms 139:1-12, 23 & 24

God, you have searched me and known me.

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds scattered among good seed.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VU 391 – God Reveal Your Presence(on-screen)*

Sermon – The Second Best Crop Every Year

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: VU 852 – There's a Spirit in the Air** *(vs 1,2,3 & 6)*
(on-screen)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

***Offering Dedication – VU 544 – In Grateful and Humble Trust**
(on-screen)

Offertory Prayer

(in-unison)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

(on screen)

COMMISSIONING

(in-unison)

We leave now, expecting that we will meet God at work in the world. May our witness be encouraged.

We leave now, expecting that we will be guided by Jesus to meet those who need him most. May our witness be encouraged.

We leave now, expecting that the Holy Spirit will impact us most when we least expect it and are not looking. May our witness bloom and shine forth at those moments.

We leave now, expecting to be surprised, puzzled, overjoyed, sorrowed and fully encountering all that life brings to us as the Creator's servants.

BLESSING

May the bounty of God be sealed in your heart today that you may share it freely with all.

May the gentle guiding of Jesus be sealed in your heart today, that you may share his vision with all.

May the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be sealed in your heart today, that you may be able to give of it freely to all.

And may our Triune God, who is all in all, be present to you every waking moment of your life. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: VU 670 – *Precious Lord, take My Hand* (on-screen)**

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design