August 23rd 2026
10:00 a.m.

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

***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**)*
L: We give thanks to God with all our hearts.
C: for God's faith and love endures forever.
L: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength.
C: for God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.
L: We give thanks for faith that is revealed in both word and deed.
C: for the Spirit of God gives us the conviction of our faith.
L: We place our trust in God with full confidence.
R: and we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

Opening Hymn: VU #220 – *Praise the Lord, the Almighty
(lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)
Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Yet you come to us afresh each new day. You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged. You offer healing for what is worn or broken. You restore hope when things seem impossible. You are the source of life and love for all you creatures; you renew us to put our love for you into action for the wellbeing of your creation. And so, we worship, Creator, Messiah and Holy spirit, and offer our prayers and praise to you, eternal and ever-present God, now and always. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Exodus 2:1-10
Birth and Youth of Moses

Psalm 138:1-18
Your love endures forever

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Matthew 16:13-20
Who do you say that I am? asks Jesus

*(response after The Lessons in **BOLD**)*
L: These are the Words of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VU #595 – *The Servant Song
(lyrics on screen)

Sermon – Say What?
Rev. Scott Brown

Hymn: TLUS #123 – *Lift Every Voice and Sing
(lyrics on screen)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

The Offering

***Offering Dedication**
VU #544 – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*
(lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by:

The Lord's Prayer
(on screen)

COMMISSIONING

(in unison)

We leave now to go and share the gifts that God has given us with everyone we meet.
We leave now to offer ourselves with generosity, diligence and cheerfulness.
We leave now to proclaim the good news that is Jesus Christ, both in deed and in word.
We leave now in the strength of our Triune God to do all these things.

BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit rest upon your house this day.
May Jesus guide you and yours as you journey on the way.
And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn: MV #139 – *True Faith Needs no Defense
(lyrics on screen)

Musical Postlude

Thank You

Worship Leaders
Rev. Scott Brown - Presiding
Vince Anderson – Lead Musician
Robert Woodbury – Cantor
Technical Support
Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design
Eldon Wilson – Live Streaming & Sound System
Patricia Wilson – PowerPoint Operation