

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8*



*Let Love Rise*

KNEADING THE DOUGH

**Worship Bulletin**  
Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Liturgist, Helen Mitchell

Leader: Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is like yeast mixed into the dough until it worked through all of it.

**People: We come as dough in God's hands, ready to be shaped together.**

Leader: Faith is not formed in isolation, but through being mixed, pressed, and joined with others.

**People: We come not as individuals alone, but as one community in Christ.**

Leader: God's love is kneaded into our shared life—working quietly, patiently, completely.

**People: Let love rise among us, within us, and through us.**

Leader: In this Lenten season, God gathers us, mixes our stories, our hopes, and our fears, and forms us into something new.

**People: Shape us, O God, for your kingdom.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose grace works through the whole body, until all is transformed.

**People: Let love rise. Let us worship God.**

## Opening Prayer

*\*Hymn #401 - Gather Us In*

## Prayer of Confession

**Patient and faithful God, you work your grace through the whole of our lives, yet we confess that we often resist being shaped together. We admit that we prefer independence over interdependence, comfort over vulnerability, and control over trust. We pull away when the kneading feels uncomfortable and forget that transformation requires being joined with others. Forgive us for the ways we separate ourselves— from neighbors who are different, from voices that challenge us, and from the community you are forming. In this Lenten**

season, press your love more deeply into us. Mix our lives together by your Spirit, so that no part of us remains untouched by your grace. Teach us to trust the slow, unseen work of your kingdom, until love rises in us—not alone, but together in Christ.

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Welcoming New Members

**Rob, Elizabeth, and Joseph Heffern**

**Violet Grace Shamala, Styvers Kirimi Kathuni, Kyle and Makena Kirimi**

**Dave and Rhys Kim**

**Austin Shofner**

#### Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us.

**People: Let us claim it.**

Leader: God makes peace between us.

**People: Let us share it.**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

*Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.*

#### A Word for God's Children

**Elizabeth Smith**

#### Anthem

***Out of the Depths***  
**by Richard Foster**

**St. Andrew Choir**

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture – Isaiah 64:8

O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

## **Scripture – Matthew 13:33**

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol**

**A Moment for Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn #695 - *Change My Heart, O God* (sung four times)**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God,  
who takes what is separate and brings it together,  
who works patiently and persistently  
to shape creation toward wholeness.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who taught us that the kingdom of heaven  
is like yeast mixed into the dough—  
small, hidden, and powerful—  
working quietly until everything is changed.  
In his life and ministry,  
love was kneaded into the world,  
stretching mercy, justice, and hope  
into every corner of human life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who kneads faith into our hearts,  
working through daily acts of courage and compassion,  
through conversations, prayers, and choices  
that seem ordinary  
yet carry the power of transformation.**

**We believe that faith is formed in the mixing—  
when our lives are worked together with God’s grace,  
when love presses into resistance,  
and when what is unseen slowly becomes undeniable.**

**Trusting in this holy work,  
we offer ourselves again to God’s hands,  
praying that through us,  
and beyond us,  
God’s love rises.  
Amen.**

### **Offering our Gifts and Gratitude**

*To give electronically, please visit [standrewboulder.org/giving](http://standrewboulder.org/giving)*

### **\*Song of Dedication #223 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4)**

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

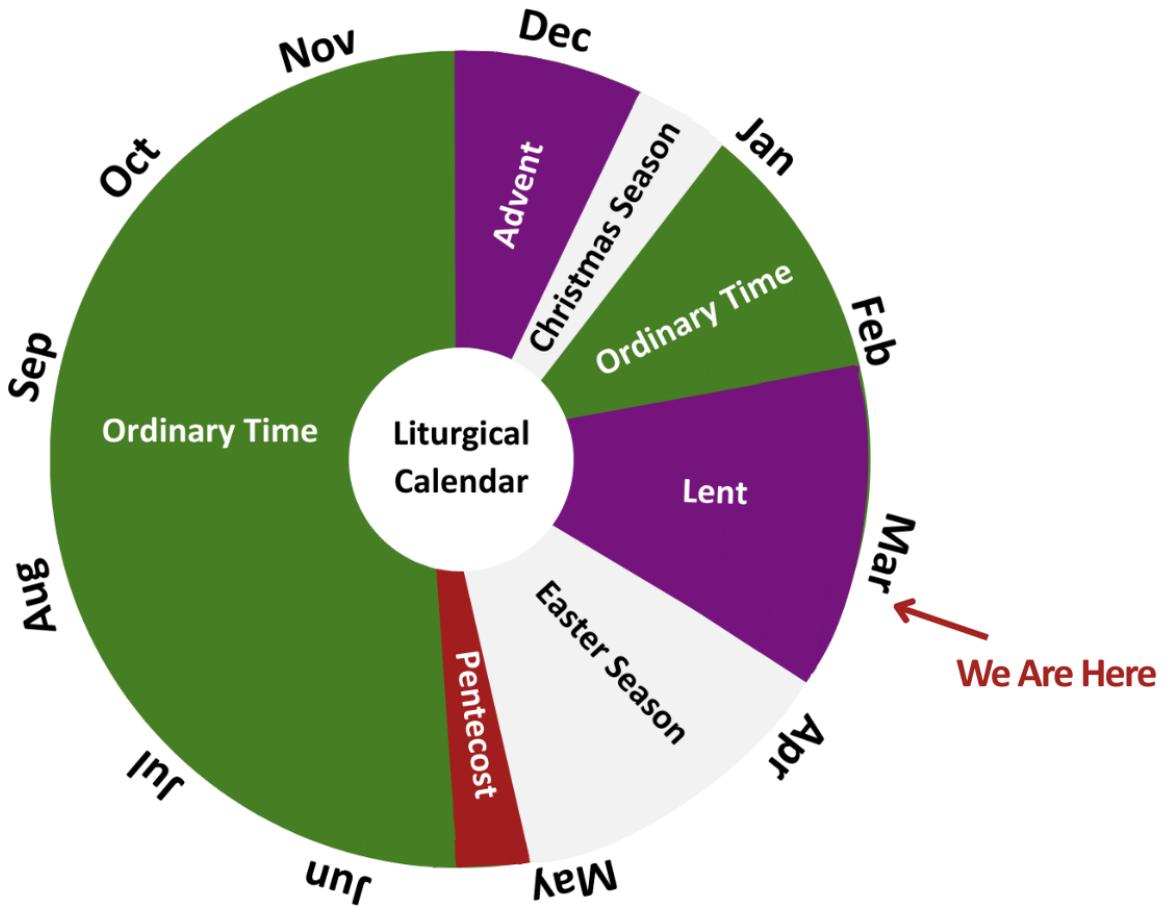
**Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom  
come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen!**

### **\*Hymn #520 – *Taste and See***

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

**\*Stand as able**



During Lent, the color purple is used in liturgical settings to represent repentance, humility, and acknowledge the kingship of Jesus. Historically, purple has been associated with periods of fasting, contemplation, and preparing oneself spiritually. This color also marks a time of grieving over sin and a call to return to God.

## Worship Leaders

### **Pastor**

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## St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **March 15** - Fireside Chats, Young Adults Gathering
- **March 18** - Noon Prayer Service
- **March 19** - Hungry for Hope: Hope, Despair, and Mental Health at 2:00p
- **March 21** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **March 22** - Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Fireside Chats
- **March 24** - Session Meeting
- **March 25** - Noon Prayer Service
- **March 28** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **March 29** - Hybrid Worship - Palm/Passion Sunday, Kids' Palm Processional, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Nostalgia Potluck
- **April 1** - Noon Prayer Service
- **April 2** - Women's Crafts and Conversation, Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Service



# Let Love Rise

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

Hungry for Hope: Hope, Despair, and Mental Health

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Kids and Youth Palm Processional during Worship

Nostalgia Potluck after Worship

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Worship Service at 5:30pm

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Sunrise Service at Valmont Presbyterian Church at 6:30am

Kids and Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45am

Easter Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am