

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Stewardship

Finance Elders

Call to Worship

Liturgist, John Elvig

Leader: We come today just as we are—with busy lives, full calendars, unfinished tasks, and questions about what really matters.

People: **We come to remember that our lives are more than what we accomplish.**

Leader: God created us in God's image and calls us to be part of God's work in the world.

People: **We are created for a purpose, and our ordinary lives matter to God.**

Leader: Wherever we find ourselves—in our work, our homes, our schools, our neighborhoods, or our retirement—God is there.

People: **So help us see our daily lives as opportunities to serve and love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to something bigger than ourselves.

People: **We are here. We are listening. We are ready to serve.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Hymn #697 - *Take My Life

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, We confess that we often confuse being busy with being purposeful. We fill our calendars and meet our responsibilities, but sometimes forget to ask why.

You have called us to be part of something bigger than ourselves, but we can make our lives about our own success, comfort, and plans. We ask, “What will make my life better?” when you invite us to ask, “Who can I serve with the life you have given me?” Forgive us.

God, wherever you have placed us, help us see those places as opportunities to serve. Open our eyes to the people who benefit because we are there. Remind

us that we don't have to prove our worth or accomplish something extraordinary to matter.

You have called us to good works. Help us live each day with purpose, not simply asking what we can get from life, but what we can give.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

John Elvig

Anthem

St. Andrew Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

Scripture – Ephesians 2:10

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Scripture – Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in the Lord’s image,
in the image of God, the Lord created them;
male and female God created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that the Lord had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn #692 - *Spirit, Open My Heart

***Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: What do we believe about our lives?

People: We believe that God created us in God's image and calls us to be part of God's work in the world.

Leader: Does our purpose depend on our job, our success, or how much we accomplish?

People: No. Our worth comes from God, and our purpose is found in loving and serving others.

Leader: Where do we live out that purpose?

People: In the ordinary places of our lives—in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our communities.

Leader: What does God ask of us?

People: To use what we have been given for the good of others and the healing of God's world.

Leader: And when our work feels ordinary or unseen?

People: We trust that God sees it. Nothing offered in love is wasted.

All: We believe we are God's workmanship, created for good works. We are called, not simply busy. Wherever God has placed us, we will seek to serve, to love, and to make God's grace visible in the world. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

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***Song of Dedication #652 – A Grateful Heart (v. 1)**

*A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The 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 #36 - For the Fruit of All Creation**

Blessing for the CROP Walkers

Benediction

Postlude

***Stand as able**

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St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **October 18** - Youth Group, Inquirer's Lunch, Open Gym with Dave Kim, CROP Walk, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **October 20** - Boulder Interfaith Council, Session Meeting
- **October 21** - Noon Prayer Service
- **October 22** - FMSC Food Packing Event, Mom's Night Out
- **October 23** - FMSC Food Packing Event
- **October 24** - FMSC Food Packing Event, HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **October 25** - Pledge Dedication Sunday - Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Congregational Meeting after Worship, Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **October 28** - Noon Prayer Service
- **October 31** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **November 1** - All Saints' Sunday - Hybrid Worship, Daylight Savings, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship

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Finding Meaning in an Age of Emptiness

OCT 25

Can life still have meaning when it hurts?
2 Cor 4:7-11, Romans 8:18-27