



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Livre d'orgue II, Ton 1: II. Prelude a deux chœurs Jacques Boyvin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from 1 Peter 2:9)

Come, people of God! Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,
who has called us out of darkness into marvelous light!
Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.

OPENING PRAYER Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. In your name we pray. Amen. (Time of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.
Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 589) HONDURAS ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Doug Waring

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1-14 New Testament, page 102
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Sing Because I'm Happy
*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I'm so happy, yes I am!*

arr. Rollo Dilworth

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 2:2-10

New Testament, page 219

SERMON

"The Lord is Good"

Chrissy Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

KidQuake Participants

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Behold, the Tabernacle of God
*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are:
For the love of whom you do this day
celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.
Alleluia!*

William H. Harris

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 591, refrain)

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn 553

Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen

Land of Rest

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb C Dm Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

... we praise you God of all that is, now and forever.

Hymn 554

Amen

Land of Rest

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

When communion is served in the pews: You are invited to pick up a piece of bread and a cup of red grape juice or white wine. As you pass the bread, you are invited to say, "the bread of heaven" or "the body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the juice/wine, you are invited to say, "the blood of Christ shed for you" or "the cup of salvation." As you receive the bread and the cup, responses include "Thanks be to God" or "Amen." As you sit, you may think of those who have come to the Lord's Table with you, those who have come before you, those who will come after you; or you may reflect on God's gifts for you. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Louis Bourgeois
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

Soren Trachsel is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

Dr. Culp is out of the office through 5/4/26 attending a conference at Ferncliff Conference Center in AR, where he will have limited email access.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

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Alleluia

Aleluya

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

242 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

This joyful Easter hymn brings together many images and responses evoked by Christ's Resurrection. As the second stanza affirms, it does turn mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11), for this 20th-century text was written to fit the rhythms of this 16th-century Italian dance-song.

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

John 14:1-14

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." **8** Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. **12** Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and **5** like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

8 and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Summer Guide Deadline

Sunday, May 10

The Summer Guide is St. Andrew's publication that shares all of the events happening around St. Andrew from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Committees and groups of the church hosting events are invited to submit their 3-5 sentence announcement by 11:00pm on Sunday, May 10, to Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com, for inclusion in the guide. The guide will be mailed the week of May 24.

Part-Time Custodian Needed

St. Andrew is looking for a part-time custodian, whose work would be focused on the Rec Center and nursery rooms. Hours would be flexible. Ideally the custodial work would take place in the morning before The Children's Place starts or in the early evening after the Treehouse is done. Apply using the link in the Shield.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

Week of June 22

Details to come!

Substitute Teachers Needed

The Children's Place is seeking caring and reliable substitute teachers for our school! Candidates should enjoy working with young children and be able to lift up to 25 pounds, as well as comfortably move to and from the floor throughout the day. If you have a heart for kids and a flexible schedule, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Kirsten Trachsel at by phone at 940-387-7716 or thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com.

Items Needed for Our Daily Bread

The diaconate is collecting items for Our Daily Bread. Items may be donated in the box in the Narthex. Current needs are: women's and men's underwear, (all sizes). beard nets, food safe rubber gloves, hand soap and condiment containers.

Give-a-Meal

St. Andrew donated \$520.19 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in March which fed about 173 people for a day. Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Prayer Requests

Sara Armstrong
Laura Hill, friend of Lauri Goldston

Bob Heilig
Mayer Knox Morin, son of Lori and David Morin

Renee Poinboeuf
Sue Atkinson, aunt of Lauri Goldston
Alice Orgain, friend of Debby Ishee and Mary Smith

Mel Fite
Jim Fair, father of Chris Fair
Anna Black, mother of James Black

We are grateful for the opportunity to pray for and with the people on our prayer list each Sunday. Our Sunday morning prayers are joined through the week by members and the prayer teams that meet each week. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. If there is a need and desire to add the name back to the list, please let the church office know, and we will add the name to the list.

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

Paul's Discovery

Karen Dower and Arminta Jacobson

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 3/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$265,997
Expenses	\$283,374
Difference	-\$17,377

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