

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Hayes
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE " ...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35b
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?
We are here and we are ready.
Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?
You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you.
Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!
I created you and named you. I, your God, have a calling for your life.
We offer our thanks and give our whole hearts in response
to your steadfast love!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDA

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins without fear to our God who yearns to embrace us, redeem us, forgive us, protect us and bless us. Let us pray:

Creator God, you have fashioned us into your body. You continually knit us together as your people. Your Spirit undergirds our very breath and offers us courage and hope. So when we fail to live out of a sense of gratitude, forgive us. When we see each other through the eyes of suspicion rather than trust, forgive us. When we do not practice what we preach, forgive us. When we sing songs of praise with our lips, yet resist the transformation of our lives in you, forgive us. Take our raw materials and make us into your people again. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

Rutter

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 1:8–2:10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Ordinary Life of Forbearance, Dignity and Respect"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

TWENTYFOURTH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *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, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. 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. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

HYMN FOR PRAYER 543 (v.1 & 2) "O Christ, Surround Me"

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"We Are An Offering"

Likes/Hayes

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace,
have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil,
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering,
honor all persons, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Will Enter His Gates/This is the Day"

Brethorst/Garrett

Words for meditation on the Offering:

We Are An Offering

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering
All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Barb Fisher, Liturgist
Jerry Heiman, Susie Hammer, Ushers
Donna and Mike Malecki, Judy McQuilkin, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY																													
Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group Tuesday, August 25 1:00 Finance Mtg 2:00 Sacred Lines Drawing Class Wednesday, August 26 12:30 Centering Prayer 2:00 Session 4:00 Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, August 27 9:30 Hole-Y Diggers 2:00 Class—"The Bible With and Without Jesus" Friday, August 28 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn Sunday, August 30 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group																												
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MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families. INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece	MEMBERS AND FRIENDS <table> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td><td>The Navin Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td><td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td><td>Peter Navin</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td><td>Linda Koch</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td><td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td><td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Smith</td><td>Martha Campbell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td><td>Gwen Baarstad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sara Crane</td><td>Dottie Patterson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sara Bruce</td><td>John Sappington</td></tr> <tr> <td>Barb Perry</td><td>Chris (Harris) Bint</td></tr> <tr> <td>Olivia Dann</td><td>Dave Maxton</td></tr> <tr> <td>Richard Hug</td><td>The Family of John Gardner</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rachel Anderson</td><td>Mary Heglin</td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	John Warren Robey	Peter Navin	Kristin Lehoullier	Linda Koch	Suzie Anderson	Evelyn Sengelaub	Cathy Lane	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Vickie Smith	Martha Campbell	Bobbie Edwards	Gwen Baarstad	Sara Crane	Dottie Patterson	Sara Bruce	John Sappington	Barb Perry	Chris (Harris) Bint	Olivia Dann	Dave Maxton	Richard Hug	The Family of John Gardner	Rachel Anderson	Mary Heglin
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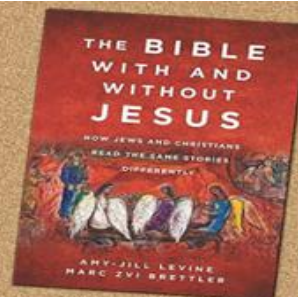


Morten Lauridsen
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LUX AETERNA



Dear Singers,
The Arts on the Hill Series of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beulah Michigan is hosting a performance of Morton Lauridsens' **LUX AETERNA** on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3 pm. We invite you to join us this year for this wonderful work. We have scheduled 7 rehearsals, starting September 2.

**Experience the
power and beauty
of the Bible
with new eyes!**



THURSDAYS 2:00-3:30

**July 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27**