

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



## Hospitality to Strangers, 1920

(fresco, lime concrete, polyester - resin)

Gustave Van de Woestyne

August 31, 2025

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE "Jesus, Name Above All Names" Hearn/Wilson  
"Be still and know that I am God." *Psalm 46:10*  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

### 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  
Within the whole family of God on earth, we gather as the church in the name of Jesus Christ:  
**for worship, for fellowship, and for service;  
for mission, witness, and mutual discipline;  
and for our nurture and renewal as disciples of Christ.**  
Transcending all barriers within the human family, we practice the gift of ministry and reconciliation.  
**All dominion in the church belongs to Jesus Christ, its Lord and head, upon whom the whole body depends.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**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.**

\*HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God invites us to mutual love. But to find mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. Trusting in the promises of God, let us pray:

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than they are. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE Hymn 437 (Sung two times)

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy,  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy,  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering extravagant grace to sustain us in the new life in Christ. **We have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, let us seek the honor of God's service. Amen.**

### ***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
The Word of God. The Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Draw the Circle Wide"

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "When Humility Makes Room"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) (Adapted from the *Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*)

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

### **THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Patricia Auch, Jan and Tom Fiola, Bev Forslund, Marty Havlin,  
Dana Hendrix, Brent and Linda Johnson, Diane and Gerard Mahoney,  
Marley Navin, Cheryl and Bob Ortwein, Rick and Betsy Shepherd*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH  
RENUNCIATIONS

## COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

## COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION

Will you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ and of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Beulah, Michigan, promise to love and care for Patricia, Jan, Tom, Bev, Marty, Dana, Brent, Linda, Diane, Gerard, Marley, Cheryl, Bob, Betsy and Rick, to welcome them into the fellowship of this church family; to teach them and to learn from them and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, increase their faith, confirm their hope, and encourage them in love?

**We will, with God's help.**

## PRAYER

### WELCOME (Congregation Unison)

**You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the God given gifts you bring to Christ's Church and to us. Welcome to this congregation, its worship and ministry.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Aberystwyth

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 70

"What Does the Lord Require of You"  
(Taught in a Round)

MOON

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others.

**Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads.**

Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world.

**Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus.**

Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle.

**Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us.**

**We go forth to serve God and neighbor in all that we do.**

And may the blessings and peace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
keep you this day and always. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

"Amen"

Traditional Spiritual/Schrader

**About the artist on the cover:**

Gustave Van de Woestyne greatly admired 15th-century Italian murals. After WWI, he began to experiment with the fresco technique. The 1920 painting Hospitality to Strangers is a good example of this. It comes from 'Rozenhuis', Van de Woestyne's house in Waregem (West-Flanders), where he lived from 1919 to 1926. He has painted himself inviting a stranger into his home. This fresco, inspired by Christian teachings, was probably based on the sufferings of the people after the war, which Van de Woestyne wrote about with great sympathy in his letters at the time. The work refers to the 'works of mercy' mentioned in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Bonnie Garbrecht, Liturgist  
Ernie and Jennifer Abel, Ushers  
Jerry Heiman, Marty Havlin, Greeters  
Michael Beery, Music Director  
Polly Mauer, Pianist

<i>OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY</i>	
<b>Today</b> 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group  <b>Monday, September 1</b> LABOR DAY: Office closed  <b>Tuesday, September 2</b> 1:00 Worship Mtg  <b>Wednesday, September 3</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 5:15 Choir Rehearsal 6:15 Requiem Rehearsal 7:00 Benzie Symphony Board Mtg	<b>Thursday, September 4</b> 9:30 Hole-Y Diggers 6:30 Reader's Theater Rehearsal  <b>Friday, September 5</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn  <b>Sunday, September 7</b> 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group
<i>PRAYER LIST</i>	

<p><b>MILITARY:</b> All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :</b>  Rev. Jerome Bizimana &amp; the people of Rwanda  Rev. Butros Zaour &amp; family &amp; Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p><b>MISSION CO-WORKERS:</b>  Mark Adams &amp; Miriam Maldonado Escobar, &amp; their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor &amp; Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ  Efi Latsoudi &amp; Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p><b>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</b></p> <table> <tr> <td> Bob Nelson  Tim Bergstrom  Barb Alldredge  Nathan Carrick  Britta Baarstad  Joel Hough  John Warren Robey  Pat Sheafor  Isabella Atkisson  Steve Grace  Kristian Lehoullier  Don Mead  June and Tom Jass </td><td> The Navin Family  Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family  Cathy Mosher  Linda Koch  Evelyn Sengelaub  Laura and Bryan Sheffield  Martha Campbell  Gwen Baarstad  Ro Gregory  Susan Eldred  Scrib Sheafor  Suzie Anderson  Family of George Marsh </td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom Barb Alldredge Nathan Carrick Britta Baarstad Joel Hough John Warren Robey Pat Sheafor Isabella Atkisson Steve Grace Kristian Lehoullier Don Mead June and Tom Jass	The Navin Family Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family Cathy Mosher Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Gwen Baarstad Ro Gregory Susan Eldred Scrib Sheafor Suzie Anderson Family of George Marsh
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*Coming this Fall*

Watch your email for signup information. These 3 classes will also be in the September Newsletter.

## Tending the Wild Garden

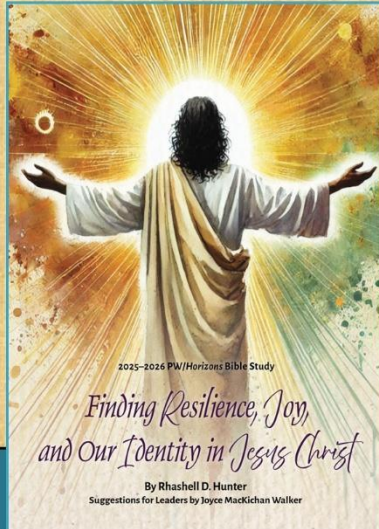
**Eugenia Anne Gamble**

*In a world fixated on outward appearances, discover the joy of cultivating an inward relationship with the Spirit, where the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) blossom naturally.*

**Join us on Thursdays at 2pm**  
**September 11 through November 13**  
Books will be available in the church office for \$10 with Adult Ed covering the remaining cost.  
**Watch for sign up information!**



## Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ



### Meet with us at 10:30am

(onsite and online)

Tuesday, September 16	Tuesday, February 17
Tuesday, October 21	Tuesday, March 17
Tuesday, November 18	Tuesday, April 21
Tuesday, December 16	Tuesday, May 19
Tuesday, January 20	

Cost of book is \$10.

Watch for sign-up information!

Join us as we find resilience and joy  
in a chaotic and stressful world,  
and rediscover our true identity which is  
found in Jesus Christ.

## LUNCH AND LEARN:

## CHRISTIANS COMMITTED TO PEACEMAKING

### THE EVENT :

Church at the Crossroads is a conference of Christians who recognize that the church stands at a defining moment—Jesus is urgently calling us back to the narrow way of the cross. As violence escalates in Israel and Palestine, and some in the Church use Scripture to justify war occupation, or silence, we must ask: Have we traded the gospel of peace for the false promises of security and comfort? Rooted in Scripture and led by Palestinian Christian leaders – alongside pastors and peacemakers from across North America—this conference invites American Christians to engage in honest reckoning, prophetic reflections, and faithful action.

### THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ST. ANDREWS' FRIENDS AND MEMBERS:

Join us in an opportunity to learn, have lunch and conversations from Church at the Crossroads Conference. The Adult Education MT and Peace & Justice MT at St. Andrews will be sponsoring a time to gather at our church in Beulah to view the livestream of main sessions from the conference with opportunity for conversation during an optional light lunch.

September 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

11:30 am to 1 pm

Watch for sign-up email!

As the new school year begins, next Sunday, September 7, we will be doing "Blessing of the Backpacks". Please bring your backpacks on Sunday.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Cass Community Social Services Mission Trip  
October 14-16, 2025

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