

# SPEAK, O LORD



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re - ceive the food of your  
 2 Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu -  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes, in the  
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in your like - - - ness; That the light of Christ might be  
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your  
 Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail; let their  
 Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the



pur - pos - es for your glo - ry,  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 8:30 + 11:00 AM

Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation (green).

## GATHERING

### MEDITATION

How incredible is your welcoming love, O God! We are prone to wander, but you seek us out and reconcile us to you. Be with us this day as we hear your words of unwarranted acceptance. And guide our lives that we may serve you all of our days. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYFUL PARTISAN

Peacemaking Offering

### PRELUDE

Meetin' Time by Benny Carter

St. Andrew Jazz Band

*Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 32

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

**Happy are those to whom God attributes no wrong, those whose hearts hold no deceit.**

When we are silent about wrongdoings, our lives are diminished with worry and guilt.

**When we struggle to hide from God, the heaviness in our hearts wears out our strength.**

But when we seek your truth and acknowledge our waywardness, O God, we experience your forgiveness.

**Let us reach out to this God in song, know his protection and strength through his Word, and be filled with his gracious mercy.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing blue, #356

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know all too well our faults - the way we have treated others, our alienation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people.

**We admit, Waiting God, how we have sinned against you.**

**We are aware of how we have squandered your love and your gifts to us.**

You offer us the kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we hide in places where temptation waits.

**You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse.**

*Bold print - speak or sing together in unison*

*\*please stand as you are able*

## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make,  
but we hope you will ignore our own foolish choices.

**We now openly confess these shortcomings and faults.**

**We need your grace, dear God. Hear our prayers.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God is the host of the Reunion Party, God runs toward us, sweeps us up in his arms,  
and washes away our sinful acts with a mighty river of healing grace.

**In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, there are no limitations on God's love.**

**We give thanks that in Christ we are finally home, we are finally free. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	<i>blue, #280</i>	<i>stanzas 1 + 4</i>	<i>Text by John Newton</i>
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,			The Lord has promised good to me,
That saved a wretch like me!			His word my hope secures;
I once was lost, but now am found,			He will my shield and portion be
Was blind, but now I see.			As long as life endures.

**\*THE PEACE/TIME OF GREETING**

The grace, love, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

 **WORD OF GOD**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NT Bible, pg. 181

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Speak, O Lord *see back page*

*Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing at this time.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NT Bible, pg. 78

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Luke Parable Series: The Prodigal Son *Rev. Bob David*

 **OFFERING OURSELVES FOR GOD'S PURPOSE**

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WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY

The Subtle Sermon *by Sy Johnson*

St. Andrew Jazz Band

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

*blue, pg. 16 - traditional*

 **SENDING**

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**\*CLOSING SONG**

Benediction *green, #288*

**\*CHARGE + BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Big John's Special *by Horace Henderson, arr. David Berger*

St. Andrew Jazz Band

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*

 **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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**Pastors:** Rev. Bob W. David and Rev. Kyle Otterbein

**Lay Leaders:** (8:30) Katie Pigge (11:00) Cate Koeppen

**Musicians:** St. Andrew Jazz Band

**Ushers:** (8:30) Dick + Nancy Perkins and Ernie + DeAnn Lehman (11:00) Friends

**Greeters:** (8:30) Linda Currie (11:00) Marlin + Judy Swartzendruber

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Flowers are given by Bob + Michelle Lamkins in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? Our weekly Mini-Messenger and monthly Messenger newsletters are available online at [www.saintandrew-ic.org](http://www.saintandrew-ic.org) (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.
- Christian Education for all ages is from 9:45 am to 10:45 am each Sunday. Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall. Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing.