



May 17, 2026

**Ascension Sunday
Graduate Recognition**

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9:00 am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Ascension Sunday

The Work of the People for May 17, 2026

The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE

Oceans
Tripp Nicol, piano

HILLSONG

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Frank Lybrand

We come as seekers,
not always sure of what we seek.
We come as followers,
not always understanding the One we follow.
We come to worship,
not always knowing how.
Holy One, by your grace,
meet us where we are.
Meet us here. Meet us now. Meet us always.
Amen.

(adapted from Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com>)

***HYMN OF PRAISE - UMC #64**

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER QUILT DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Come and Rejoice
Seaside Chancel Choir

Besig & Besig

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND BLESSING

{Congregational Response}

May this blanket be a reminder that you are never alone.
May it remind you of the warmth, security, and comfort that you
will always have with you in the love of your family, our Church,
and in Christ.

A WORD FROM OUR GRADUATE - *Tripp Nicol*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-5; Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV) Bill Putnam

SERMON Rev. Jonathan Tompkins
Sermon Series: *De/Re-Construct*
'Bare Feet and Burning Bushes'

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Jesus Calls Us* arr. L. Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in Jesus Christ...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in the Holy Spirit...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in the Church...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in the communion of saints...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in the forgiveness of sins...Lord, help my unbelief.
I believe in the resurrection of the body...Lord, help my unbelief,
and lead us all to love, light, and life everlasting...even in our unbelief.
Amen!

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***HYMN OF SENDING - W&S #3132** HOUSE OF GOD
House of God

***SENDING FORTH**

***SUNG SENDING FORTH** *Go in Peace*

***POSTLUDE** *I'll Still Love You* A. Crouch

**please stand as you are able*

11:09 am MODERN SERVICE

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GATHERING FOR PRAISE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oceans
Tripp Nicol, piano

HILLSONG

*SONG OF PRAISE

This is Amazing Grace

P. Wickham

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Way Maker

LEELAND

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Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

PRAYER QUILT DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-5; Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)

Mary Cullen

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

Sermon Series: *De/Re-Construct*
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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

Build My Life

P. Barrett

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***SONG OF SENDING**

House of God

HOUSE OF GOD

***SENDING FORTH**

**please stand as you are able*

Music Leaders: Jason Snyder, Matt Gredler, Linda Jennings, Peyton Dobbs, Bruce Gale,
and Pastor Jonathan

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

		In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Online	
		Date	9:00	11:09	Total	Worship
May 10 Budget	\$14,783	5.03	135	61	195	367
May 10 Contributions	\$16,624	5.10	124	81	205	193
May 10 Special Gifts designated	\$1,320					

Thank you for your faithful giving!



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ILL OR CONVALESCING

Greg Clough, Bob Rop, Sue Kerr, Will & Cheri Jobbins

PRAYER QUILT DEDICATION

The Prayer Quilt dedicated today is for the Harding Family: Dan, Abby, Asher and twelve-week-old Lucy who was born with Down Syndrome and a congenital heart defect. We ask God to provide Dan and Abby with strength and peace as they face difficult challenges and are called upon to adjust to new, unexpected life experiences. May this quilt, filled with love and covered with prayers, provide comfort and reassurance. This quilt was requested by grandmother Emily Harding and the St. Andrew Faith Family.

YOUTH MINISTRY - last meeting for the summer

Donuts + Discussion for grades 6-12 meets today at 10:15 in the Youth Lounge (Admin. Bldg.) The current topic is 'A New Season: *TURN, TURN, TURN - Ecclesiastes 3:1*'
Contact: Alan Prochazka at umyfhiumc@gmail.com

FAREWELL TO PASTOR JONATHAN AND FAMILY

Pastor Jonathan, along with Rebecca, Edward, and Mary Elizabeth, will soon be leaving St. Andrew for a new assignment. Their final Sunday with us will be June 14. As we prepare to say goodbye, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating their time here and expressing our appreciation for their ministry.

Farewell Lunch

Before their departure, we will host a farewell lunch in honor of Pastor Jonathan and his family. The lunch will take place on Sunday, May 31, immediately following the 11:09 service in the Celebration Center. This gathering will give us an opportunity to offer our thanks and bless them as they begin their new chapter.

Join Us Both Sundays

We welcome everyone to attend both the farewell lunch on May 31 and Pastor Jonathan's last Sunday with us on June 14.

Love Offering



We are collecting a farewell love offering as a tangible expression of our gratitude for our pastor's faithful service and care. If you feel led to contribute, gifts may be made by scanning the Venmo QR code (9985), by check in the offering plate, or by visiting standrewbytheseaumc.org/give-online.

Be sure to indicate that your gift is designated for the "Farewell Love Offering."

WELCOMING PASTOR STEVE PATTERSON

As we prepare to welcome our new pastor, you are invited to help make his arrival extra special by sending notes, cards, or emails of welcome before he arrives on June 28. A few words of encouragement or a simple greeting will certainly help him feel at home at St. Andrew. Please send your letters or emails to:

Rev. Steve Patterson
115 Lyndhurst Dr., Anderson, SC 29621
sapatterson@umcsc.org

ST. ANDREW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Attention rising college sophomores! Both new applicants and those seeking renewal of their scholarships should submit their applications by the end of May. If you or someone you know meets the eligibility requirements, we invite you to take advantage of this ministry offered by St. Andrew.

The Scholarship Committee is able to provide assistance thanks to generous contributions from individuals, memorials, and other private donations. Recognizing and rewarding outstanding academic achievement is a core value of the committee. Scholarships are granted based on academic and personal achievement, as well as financial need. Additional committee members are always welcome.

Information about eligibility and application forms are available on the church website (standrewbytheseaumc.org/scholarships) or contact Bob Oetjen, Committee Chair, at robertoetjen1@gmail.com or 203.650.1084.

Send all required application materials **by May 31** to:

St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church
Attn: Scholarship Committee
20 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

FAITH AND NURTURE

- **NEW!** The Greatest Sermon Ever Told: a Study of Jesus's Timeless Truths from the Sermon on the Mount (*Men's Devotional Group*)
Thursdays :: Starting May 21 :: 8:00 - 9:00 am :: Zoom only
Jesus of Nazareth preached the greatest sermon ever told, the Sermon on the Mount. His life-changing words instruct how to live in this world as one of His followers. His message pierces the heart with the precision of a surgeon and reveals our need for a Savior. By studying this sermon, you will learn how to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. In these pages, discover Jesus' timeless truth for living with joy, integrity, and unshakable faith. Whether you are new or a seasoned believer, this book will help you understand and apply Jesus' words to your life. Author Bradford Reaves walks you verse by verse through Matthew 5-7. More than a commentary, this study is both theologically rich and intensely practical.
Contact: Dave Peterson at dvdptrsn@gmail.com for the Zoom link.
- The Acts of Peter (*Joy Class*)
Sundays :: Through June 7 :: 10:15-11:00 am :: Admin. Bldg. Conference Room
This is a legendary account of the Apostle Peter presents him as a miracle-worker confronting non-Christian pagans as well as other Christian sects. This open class is offered virtually as well as in person. *Contact: Wes at wwarren23@aol.com*



FISHING GUIDE

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Sermon Series: *De/Re-Construct*

'Bare Feet and Burning Bushes'

Exodus 3:1-5 (NRSV)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

*Jesus is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

Depth Finder (questions to go deeper)

Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote: '*Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God.*' Have you experienced this? How and where?

Reflect on how God appeared and acted in the wilderness in the stories of Moses, Jesus, and John Wesley, and how that compares to your wilderness journey, or that of someone you know.

What does it mean for the church, and us, today for things to be 'blazing but not consumed?' Is the fire burning us down or refining/reshaping us?

Prayer as We Put Out to Sea

Take off your shoes and walk somewhere barefoot this week.