Twenty-First Sunday
After Pentecost
October 18, 2026



The Narrative Lectionary: Year 3

CSA
Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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October 18, 2026, 10:00 AM
Welcome to Worship!

*Indicates standing in body or in spirit

Prelude *Debussy Arabesque no. 1* **Dotson Hsing**

Welcome **Pastor Alex**

*** Call to Worship** *(bold in unison)* **Larry Williams**

We worship the God who endures forever. God's promises are sure from generation to generation!

We trust in God who makes a way out of no way, and who establishes a foundation of hope, grace, and peace.

God promises to David, "The Lord will make you a house."

The foundation of our home in God is made strong and secure.

God is faithful, and God gives a vision that exceeds far beyond the present moment.

Indeed, God is always at work. We worship to align ourselves with God's will in the world, so let us give thanks to God!

*** Hymn of Praise** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **#110**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Meditative Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* **#393**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

Responsive Hymn *On Eagle's Wings* **#143**

Children's Message

Prayer for the Illumination of Scripture *(in unison)*
Loving God, send your Spirit to illuminate this Word that our understanding and wisdom may increase. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading **2 Samuel 7:1-17**

*** Hymn of Preparation** *How Firm a Foundation* **#529**

Gospel Reading **Luke 1:30-33**

Sermon *House of Cedar* **Pastor Alex**

Offertory Prayer *(in unison)*
Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of belonging. We all belong to you and we call your house our home. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to welcome the searching and strengthen your church. May our shared life together always point to you, whose love equips us and sends us forth. Amen.

*** Doxology** **#94**

Call to Engage in Ministry

*** Hymn of Sending Forth** *My Hope is Built* **#368**

*** Benediction**

Postlude *Amazing Grace* **Dotson Hsing**

We invite you to stay seated for the playing of the Postlude.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month in the UMC, so today we share our great joy in celebrating our pastor, Rev. Alexandra Thomas, who has been our spiritual guide since 2024. She is a spirit-filled leader who lives the life of service, forgiveness, and love as Christ would have us all to do. We are so very grateful to have her at CSA.

Fellowship Hour after worship includes coffee, conversation, and connection - all are welcome!

Today's Fellowship Hour is provided by Ann and Larry Williams

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