

# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 27, 2022**

# **WE GATHER**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Come to the highest mountain  
Jesus is waiting, waiting to greet you.  
Come let us worship the Lord.

## **Acknowledging Our Territory**

**One:** For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. Help us to become better neighbours so that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

## **Lighting the Candles**

**In a world that can be chaotic and frightening, we light a candle of hope.**

**In a world where the way is uncertain, may the light of Christ show us the way.**

## **Call to Worship**

**L:** We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

**P: Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

**L:** We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

**P: Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.**

**L:** Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

**P: Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. AMEN.**

**Gathering Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story VU343**

## **Prayer of Confession and Approach**

Lord,  
you call us to draw near,  
yet we fail to hear your voice.  
We sleepwalk through life,  
ignoring the needs of people all around us  
and worrying about our own desires.

Forgive us:  
when we shut out the call  
to climb into your presence;  
when we make excuses  
to put off that journey.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
as we silently open our hearts  
and confess our sins:

*(Time of silence)*

Hear our pleas, O God,  
and lift us to newness of life. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

We worship a forgiving God,  
whose mercy is never ending,  
whose heart abounds in steadfast love.  
Because of the love of Jesus Christ,  
nothing can separate us  
from the love of God.

## **Time for All Children of God:**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 28-36**

**Meditation: Transfiguration Sunday**

## **Hymn of Meditation: Be Thou My Vision VU 642**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Invitation to Offering**

#### **Dedication**

**Generous God,  
it is through your mercy  
that we have this ministry—  
the ministry of our talents and treasure,  
the ministry of our passion and purpose.  
Strengthen our hearts for your service,  
and accept the grateful offerings  
we lay before you. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -**

Holy and loving God - whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus - who lets us see your face in his, who shows us your love in his actions, your grace in his manner of being. In him too, O God, we see ourselves as you would have us be and as your power is able to make us. Make us more like him now, we pray...

#### **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord - we often find ourselves weary, tired out by a load of care, a heap of responsibility and concern. We hunger and thirst, and often fail to stop to eat and drink at the table you have prepared for us. Lord, we are here now - and we ask you - grant us a glimpse of your glory - fill us with your spirit - refresh us and make us new ...

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray that your glory may fill your church and give to your people everywhere the energy to shine wherever there is darkness, disunity, persecution, or despair...

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us all, O Lord, a greater love of your holiness, a greater delight in your mystery, and a greater joy in seeking your presence. We ask it through Christ Jesus, who revealed your will to us and who taught us to pray to you as one family, saying **Our Father....**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Final Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised VU120**

**Blessing and Commissioning -**

**Led by the Spirit,  
go forth in God's love.  
Illumined by the Spirit,  
shine with Christ's light. Amen.**

## **Announcements**



**Today's bulletin is the celebration of 47 years that Ervin Hein donated his kidney to**

**his sister Tillie. She is 89 years old and living in London.**



## **Lenten Services**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday Prayer service**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - Yoga Prayer for Beginners**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> - Taize Worship**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Creative Worship**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - Meditation**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> - Yoga Prayer for Beginners**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> - Taize Worship**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday service - 10:30 a.m.**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**

**All Mid-week services start at 1:00 p.m. Please be sure you have proper attire for Yoga Prayer.**



## **CHILI DRIVE-THRU**

**Friday, March 11, 2022**

**5:00-6:30 p.m. \$7 .00**

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**Chili, bun, veggie sticks, dessert**

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