

# **ST. ANDREW S UNITED CHURCH**



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# **WE GATHER**

## **Welcome -**

Welcome to this service of worship. You are here watching this service because whether you know it not, you were called here. Think you clicked on this link by accident, think again! Jesus is always calling. Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence; Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity; Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision; Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ. Let us worship together with joy.

**Acknowledging Our Kinship** - As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

**Candle Lighting** - The candle flame reminds us that the Light of the World is in our midst. Gathered as people who are drawn to the light, we centre ourselves for worship.

**Gathering Hymn** - O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

## **Call To Worship**

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears. Call us into Your way of life, O God.

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision. Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts  
**Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God**

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God  
**Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.**  
**Let us worship You together.**

**Young at Heart – God’s Dream – Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

**Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord,**  
**forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.**  
**Forgive us when we are shackled**  
**by our narrow understandings of discipleship**  
**and our clouded sense of purpose.**  
**Forgive us when we are frightened of the future**  
**or pull back from the demand of your calling.**  
**Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,**  
**to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,**  
**and to trust you for our future.**

**Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.**  
***We stand together as your disciples.***  
***We seek renewed and renewing faith.***  
***Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.***

*Amen.*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Luke 5: 1-11

Meditation - ***Fishermen to Fisher of Men***

Hymn - Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -  
God of life and death

We pray for those who are facing the end of life with fear.  
May they come to know  
that your love reaches out to enfold even in death.

We pray for those, and we are many,  
who find it hard to accept ourselves the way we are  
and choose to hide behind the masks of possessions and power.  
Help us to risk living with a little less of these  
and to look at ourselves without fear through your eyes of love.

We pray for those in our world for whom it always seems winter,  
who have no hope of the warmth and brightness  
of a spring just around the corner.  
Those who have no food, no home, no money, no work.  
Help us to find ways to share what we have with them.

God of creation,  
we pray for your world teetering on the brink of a long bitter winter  
brought about by human neglect.  
Help us to work to restore a balance.  
Help us to rediscover and observe the rhythms of creation  
which you wisely put into place.  
So that spring will follow winter and autumn, summer  
and all may enjoy the fruits of your good creation.

We pray for our congregation  
as we face the challenges of the future and look for your will for us.  
Help us to run the risk of losing things which we hold as precious  
so that we are more able to reach others with your good news.  
Help us to be wise in deciding what, if anything, to discard,  
what new vision, if any, we should pursue.  
Help us trust you for the new spring life which can flow out into our community.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Closing Hymn - Jesus Call Us**

## **Commissioning and Benediction -**

As we end this time as a gathered community,  
we prepare to serve in all the scattered places of our lives.  
Go in the knowledge that God our Creator  
sustains and supports you in this service.  
Go with the assurance that Christ Jesus equips you  
for service amongst the strangers  
and the friends of your life.  
Go with trusting reliance on the Spirit  
who enables you to bear witness,  
to care lovingly, and to work for justice.  
May God's peace go with you always, Amen.

## **Announcements**



**The Board meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. This meeting will be online.**