

ST. ANDREW S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome -

People of God, come hear the good news.
hear the voice of God calling us to places we are afraid to go. People of God, take courage in the loving, sustaining presence of God.
We are here to find strength and courage,
to find faith and hope, to lean on
the everlasting, loving arms of God. Come and hear, for all are welcome!

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 - We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which shines in each one of us, no matter where or who we are.

Gathering Hymn - A Light is Gleaming

Call To Worship -

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God.

P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

Young at Heart - *Stirring Up Trouble*

Hymn - *Will You Come and See the Light*

Prayer of Confession

We're just ordinary folks.

What do you expect us to do?

Who will listen to us anyway?

Even if they do, they'll only get mad.

You'd do better to find someone else—

someone older, someone younger,

someone more articulate,

someone with more courage,

someone with more faith.

But still we hear our call and your promise.

Forgive our feet of clay—

when we try and evade your call,

when we make excuses,

when we doubt your presence,

when we reject your prophets,

when we reject ourselves.

In the opportunities and challenges in our lives,

help us see that you are there,

and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 71)

God is our rock and our fortress.

In God we find our hope and our strength.

We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love,

a love that has known us from birth

and will never leave us.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Luke 4: 21-30

Meditation - Hometown Hero

Hymn - *Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -

We pray this day, O God, for those in transition—

for those getting married,

for those with new borns and infants and toddlers

and preschoolers and elementary aged children

and tweens and high school aged youth.

for all the transitions of parenting and of growing up.

for graduates finishing and preparing to begin something else,

for those who have been diagnosed, for those awaiting surgery,

for those in treatment, in therapy, in recovery, for those in hospice,

for those in grief.

Recognizing that we are all, in truth, in transition—

from what was, through what is, into what is yet to be.

And so we pray for liminal time—

for the good and the hard gifts of thresholds,

that they might be for us a thin place—

a thin time so very fleeting, and yet,

eternally full of Your presence, our God.

This we pray, in the name of Jesus,

who was and is, and will always be

with us, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - *O Love that Will Not Let Me God*

Commissioning and Benediction -

God did not say that it would be easy to bring the good news to all people, but God did say that God would be with you. So go now in peace, walking humbly with God. Bring the good news of hope to all the people. AMEN.

Announcements



UCW will meet February 8th at 11am.



**The Board meeting on February 17th
at 10:30am. This meeting will be
online.**