

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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Growing Together in Spirit

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements - Do you ever find yourself feeling adrift in life? Disconnected from the world and God, just going through the day to day grind of life? Do you ever feel that way at church or in this community of faith? Oh sure we come to Church, stay for coffee, come to the board meetings but really do we feel truly connected to God and one another? That's what I want to talk about today, Growing Together in Spirit, not just maintaining but growing, getting excited about Church and more importantly getting excited about God! May we not only feel God's presence in the service today but may we embrace God too!

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

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.

Call to Worship

**The Spirit is here among us
within us, around us, between us.
The Spirit is here to strengthen us
bringing courage, bringing conviction.
The Spirit is here to move us,
making us sing and praise.
The Spirit is here.**

Gathering Hymn - Come O Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Spirit:

maker of chaos, resister of order she who takes on the world —

Breathe.

Wreak havoc in complacency

upturn smugness and self-satisfaction

defy authorities that deflate

challenge all powers that squeeze the hope out of your people

and your church and breathe life back in

to a world gasping.

Breathe, Spirit, Breathe.

All God's Children - [Where Do you Find God?](#)

Hymn - Camp songs

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Psalm 100

Meditation - [Joyful Noise](#)

Hymn of Meditation - Make a Joyful Noise

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Dedication

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly
so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious
garden. **Amen.**

A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Ever living and ever loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence with us.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take and transform our societies—
that broken people find healing;
that lonely people find love;
that bitter people find peace;
that fearful people find hope.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will
evaporate;
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill your church—
that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;
that prayers will change our minds
instead of trying to get you to change yours;
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our lives with your presence—
so that more and more every day,
all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn - In the Garden

Blessing and Commissioning

One: In our moments of chaos...

All: God is with us.

One: In our moments of calm...

All: God is with us.

One: In our moments of life.

All: God is with us. Alleluia!

**We go as a Pentecost people,
touched by fire,
stirred by wind,
to mend the world.
Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Only 2 more weeks of camp! Tell your friends, neighbours, family thatcamp is back on at St. Andrew's United Church. We will have 2 more weeks this summer of fun and hijinks. The Dates are August 8-12 and August 15-19. Cost will be \$100 per week. Lots of room still available for the coming weeks!



New: you can now etransfer givings to St.Andrews. This can be used to make a donation, pay for camp, buy dinner tickets etc. You can do etransfers thru your bank and the email address to use is: statreasurerst@gmail.com. Feel free to ask Rev.Cheryl or Susan or our treasurer Belinda any questions you may have about etransfer.

Upcoming Services

August 7-God on Film- *Frozen*

August 14-God on Film-*Finding Dory*

August 21-God on Film-*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*

August 28-God on Film-*Ghostbusters*

Name: _____

Date: _____

Summer!

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