

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome

Welcome to worship today! In all times and in all places, God is with us. God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope. Shout for joy! Sing praises to God! Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.

Lord, make us ready to serve you. AMEN.

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.

Call to Worship

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN..

Gathering Hymn: Come and Find a Quiet Centre

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you. Praise be to God. AMEN.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1: 1-10

Meditation: Let the Treasure Hunt Begin!

Hymn: O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go - 658 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

When our hearts are grieving, crying out in distress you, O Lord, hear our cries.

When our spirits are wandering, lost and afraid You, O Lord seek and find us.

When our days seem filled with anger and hopelessness, You, O Lord, bring comfort and peace to us.

When we don't think we have anything to offer to God. God produces miracles in our lives that can serve others.

When we need to know that God is with us. God is present in all the earth.

For all the ways in which God blesses our lives, We give thanks and praise!

For the people who have taught and guided us, who have shown us the right paths of God, We give thanks and praise!

For all the wonderful things which we have seen and the things yet to come, We give thanks and praise to God! AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: Your Work O God Needs Many Hands - 537 VU

Commissioning and Benediction

Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more miracles to come. Bear witness to God's love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace. AMEN.