ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcement

Welcome to this Third Sunday of Lent. This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

It is on this journey that God will confront us.

Our hearts are ready to receive God. Come and let us move forward toward the Cross. Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. AMEN.

Lighting the Christ Candle - Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the one who lights the darkest corners of our lives.

Call to Worship

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Gathering Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory - 686 VU

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. . Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 2: 13-22

Meditation: Money, Money, Money

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision - 642 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Creator God, we come before you asking prayers for those who lead nations, cities, churches, homes.

As you poured out your love in the Word may we hear your word and follow; may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

Holy One, we come before you - a people broken into shards of lives sick, poor, hungry hidden by the limitations of our eyes.

Help us to see as You see as you poured out your love in the Word. May we hear your word and follow may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

God of Mercy, we come before you – seeking to live as you command, but often failing, and thus we are torn by cries of despair, anger, power control, lost to foolishness and stumbling blocks despite your love in the Word

Help us to hear your word and follow May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

Gentle God, we come before you giving thanks for all our blessings the gift of life, hope, faith, love, family, friends all we care for this day. Help us to be Your hands.

Incline Your heart, O gracious God, and teach us to love O Christ, our rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Final Hymn: Amazing Grace - 266 VU

Commissioning and Benediction

Go forth with the Lord at your side, seeking goodness and compassion. Bring the words of hope and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace. AMEN.

Announcements



Drive-by Pie and a Hi - March 14th is Pie Day or more correctly pi day (3.14). Susan and Cheryl and families are hosting a Drive by pie day. Between 10:30 a.m. and Noon drive-by the church, say hi and collect some pie. No need to leave your vehicle. Donations collected will go towards the new doors. This a chance to reconnect, to meet Cheryl and have some pie!



If you would like a copy of the book study "The Cup of Our Life" please contact the office and we will be sure to send it with your bulletin. It is designed to do on your own or if you are able you can join our weekly discussion group.

You can phone in by dialing:

+1 647 374 4685 Then when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 830 1433 0922

ANNUAL REPORT Annual Reports are available in the office for pick up! Pick up hour are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon! We can even run a report to your car, just give us a call for pick up. 519-631-4558



UCW will meet On March 9th at 11:00 a.m. Currently we are allowed 10 people in the hall socially distanced. This means it will have to be a hybrid meeting. Merna will send out a link closer to the time.



March 11th there will be a Trustee meeting at 1:00 p.m. Currently we are allowed 10 people in the building.