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God on Film - Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome and Good morning! Well, I am here, you are here, We are here. The very act of being here is a step of faith. We never know where that first step will take us. Will it bring us closer to the treasure or will we fall into the abyss? So we went against what the world would tell us is safe and took the leap of faith that God will be there for us. We come to be with God's people, to join them in praise, and to learn to live with them and with God's world in peace. we pray, that God blesses us as we seek to know God's will for us, together, in faith.

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

Treasure is...

Gold and silver, Frankincense and myrrh.

Treasure is...

To have and to hold, 'Til death us do part.

Treasure is...

Family heirlooms offering precious memories.

Come...

bringing treasure, seeking treasure.

Come...

treasured and treasuring.

Gathering Hymn - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - 333 VU

Prayer of Confession

We want you to know, Holy God, that we do try. Between the politicians and the pundits, it is easy to become confused as to how we should live. We spend so much time trying to win the approval of certain people, that we forget our call to serve those around us. We are so busy telling others 'go there' or 'do this,' we cannot hear your whispers of love.

We do not presume to come to you expecting easy grace, for we are aware of what it cost you to forgive us, Tender God. But speak the word, and we will know your mercy; speak the word, and we will be made whole; speak the Word, Jesus Christ, and we will find that faith to trust you in every moment.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

God comes, not to punish, not to condemn, but to redeem, with that truth which sets us free. Let it be known this day. The Lord indeed is God, who brings forgiveness and hope to all people. Glory to God! Amen.

All God's Children - Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade

Hymn - We Praise You, O God -218 VU

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 18: 20-39, Luke 7: 1-10

Meditation - A step of faith

Hymn of Meditation - Let There Be Light – 679 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Dedication

O God,

Jesus taught that where our treasure is,
there will our hearts be also.

In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—
all that we have and all that we are.

We come seeking your treasure—
treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint.

Share with us the treasure of heaven,
that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.

A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

God of Creation, God of Wonder, hear this offering of prayer and praise as a gift from our thankful hearts. We thank you for the wonders all around us. For grains of sand, the smell of rain falling on dry ground, for the shifting of the seasons and the sound of laughter. We thank you God for one another – for the joys and struggles of relationships that nurture us and help us to grow.

God, we thank you for your eternal presence in our midst and for the good news of your deep abiding love for all of creation.

Even as we give thanks, we lift up the concerns that burden us this day. We ask your peace and blessing on all those we have named in this place today and all whose names and circumstances remain in the safe sanctuary of your Spirit's care.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit and for all who provide care for the needs of others. We pray for the lonely and the despairing...for those who struggle with addiction...for those who feel trapped in situations of abuse...for those who making difficult decisions in life...

God we pray for your church and its mission in the world. Bless all of your children God, and pour your Spirit upon us, bringing healing, comfort and strength wherever it is needed. All this we ask in the name of the One who calls us forward in faith, Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying...

Lord's Prayer

Hymn - May the God of Hope - 424 VU

Blessing and Commissioning

Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.
Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.

Friends of God,
prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in;
Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest
in the costly investment he has made.
Invest in others as his love has invested in you;
Rejoicing in the fellowship of his Spirit.

The blessing of the eternal God is upon you:
redeeming grace,
enfolding love,
enduring fellowship.
Now and forever.

Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Services

September 4-God on Film-*Ghostbusters*

Welcome Back Sunday - Sept. 11/22

Baptism & Transferring in new members-September 25/22



We are so excited to announce, we are looking to restart Sunday School in September. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Sunday school. It would be on a rotation with other volunteers. This would begin in September.



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.



It's that time of year again, we are looking for donations of cash and gift cards to purchase back to school supplies! Many families in the area are finding it difficult to provide given the rise in food, gas, rent etc. Any amount is appreciated.



Don't forget to check your mailboxes in the hall!