*St. Andrews*

*United Church*



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June 15th 2025

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

One: For many eons, the First Nations people of this area have walked this land. Their relationship with the land is central to their culture. We are on that land and in this time acknowledge their history which we now share. We hope that with a joint effort we can be reconciled one with another and live together as all God’s people.

**All: For we are all God’s people. We are one with each culture, with the earth and all that is in it. Amen.**

**Call to Worship:**

**One:** We walk by faith, and not by sight,

**All: seeking your company,**

**One:** desiring your presence.

**All: As the Spirit moves, let us welcome the unexpected:**

**One**: you and your unfathomable love, O God,

**All: you and your astounding grace.**

One: Be with us now we ask as we raise our voices in worship.

**All: Surprise us again as we raise our voices in praise.**

Hymn **– 227 VU**, For the Fruit of Creation.

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy One, surprised when you call us to lead, we doubt our God-given abilities and your wisdom.

**All: Instead, we seek leaders who assure us they will do those things that further our well-being, rather than your will.**

One: We surround ourselves with comfort and with like-minded friends, while insulating ourselves from those who seem “different.”

**All: We judge others based on their capabilities, their degrees, their rank and status.**

One: Forgive us.

**All: Open our eyes to our narrow-mindedness and our hearts to trust you to provide the way forward.**

One: Help us see the good – in your unexpected ways, and extra-

ordinary leadership.

**All: Help us we pray O Lord, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Opening Prayer.**

**Hymn** – **345 VU** Come Children Join to Sing.

**All God’s Children**

**Hymn** – **268 VU** Bring Many Names.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading-** John 14:15-21

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation: *The Advocate.***

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn - For the Gift of Creation - 538 VU**

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,

we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn 315 VU,** Holy, Holy, Holy.

**Blessing and Commissioning Choral Amen**

***Announcements***

**Upcoming**

* **UCW MEETING LUNCH AT JOHNNY’S IN AYLMER**
* **Bible Study June 18 at NVCC**
* **Prayer Shawl June 18th at 10:30am**



**Board meeting is on June 26th, 2025 at 10:30am.**

 ***Strawberry Social***

***June 20th at St.Andrews, 5:00pm till 6:30pm. Meal will be ham hashbrown casserole, coleslaw, strawberry shortcake, Tickets:$20, $10 for kids under 10. Call 519-615-2325 for tickets.***