*St. Andrews*

*United Church*



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June 29th 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:** Loving God, we come here today, seeking your Spirit.

**All: We come, hoping to be feed by your word,**

**One:** Lord, accept this worship we ask.

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

**One**: Let us open our lips, minds and hearts to your presence,

**All: Fill us with you loving grace.**

One: Accept our worship and make us your disciples.

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

Hymn **– VU 377 - Holy Spirit Hear Us.**

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy One, we are not always the people you need us to be

**All: Often God, we are people who seek to ignore others.**

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

**All: We judge based on what people seem on the outside, instead of looking into who they really are.**

One: Forgive us as we try and walk this path with all your people.

**All: Open our eyes and hearts that we can open ourselves to being an inclusive, loving community.**

One: Love us O God, as you loved your people throughout history.

**All: O God we open ourselves to your will, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Opening Prayer.**

**Hymn** –**VU 582 - There’s a Spirit in the Air.**

**All God’s Children**

**Hymn** – **VU703 - In the Bulb There is a Flower.**

Presentation by XX of the Food Bank.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading-** John 6:1-14

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation: Feeding more than the soul.**

**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**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - VU242 - Let All things now Living.**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

 **Choral Amen**

***Announcements***

Today we welcome Karen McDade who is from the St. Thomas Food Bank. After the joint effort of St.Andrew’s and New Vision to bring help and hope to the community with the 100th UCC anniversary project of the collection of food: It’s good to hear how we did and how the food bank is moving forward.

Salad Dayz luncheon, July 2 from 11:30am till 1pm. Cost$15adult, $5under 12. Limited tickets reserve early.

New Vision will be closed for the month of July and St. Andrew’s will close for the month of August.  Please join our friends for worship at their regular worship time.

**Cheryl and her family would love for you to join them at their farm for worship and a barbecue.  Please bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen.  New Vision folks please bring sides and St. Andrew’s folks please bring a dessert.  We will provide the rest.  Rain or shine!  Please remember this is a working farm, wear comfortable clothes and practical shoes.  You may wish to carpool.
Date: August 31, 2025
Time: 11:00 a.m
Address: 1574 Katesville Drive, Kerwood**