***St. Andrews***

***United Church***



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**September 14, 2025**

**The Season of Creation - Trees**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God—come to the forest of faith.

**People: We come to be rooted in God’s love.**

Leader: The trees clap their hands and the rivers sing with joy.

**People: We join creation in praising the Creator.**

Leader: Deep roots, strong trunks, branches that reach for the sky—

**People: So we gather, growing in faith and stretching toward God.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who plants us in the soil of grace and waters us with Spirit.

**Gathering Hymn** - **We Praise You, O God - 218 VU**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Creator God,  
We confess that we do not always live as rooted people.  
We forget our connection to you and to the earth.  
We take more than we need.  
We cut down without replanting.  
We neglect the call to nurture your creation.  
Forgive us. Restore us to your garden,  
and help us to grow again in your ways.**

**Words of Assurance**

**ALL GOD’S CHILDREN** - *What do trees need to grow?*

**HYMN** - **In the Bulb there is a Flower - 703 VU**

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Sermon** - **Rooted in God’s Creation**

**HYMN - Let All Things Now Living - 242 VU**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Offering Invitation:**

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

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer of the People**

**WE GO FORTH**

**Sending Hymn - Go Forth for God - 418 VU**

**Commissioning** **And Benediction**

Leader: Go now, rooted in God’s love,  
grounded in God’s peace,  
and reaching toward God’s hope.  
**People: We go as trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing the fruits of justice and joy.**Leader: And may the blessing of Creator, Christ, and Spirit  
be with you and all creation, now and forever. Amen.

**Sung Amen**

**Postlude**

***Announcements***

**Upcoming**

**September 17th- Prayer Shawl-10:30am**

**September 18th-Board Meeting-10:30am**

**September 25th – Euchre-1:30pm**



**Euchre is starting again on September 25th at 1:30pm. All are welcome to this afternoon of fun and fellowship.**