

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements –

Good morning and welcome! Whether you are a First-time participant or one who's been here many days; child or elder or somewhere in-between; whether online or in person. stewards, caretakers, disciples, children of God— neighbours all, you are loved and loving. You are welcome, welcome in Christ's name

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.

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship

One: As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith.

All: As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

One: Practising our faith:

All: living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

One: Practising our faith:

All: as stewards on the Way

Gathering Hymn: Throughout These Lenten Days - 108 VU

Prayer of Confession and Approach

In a world which values gambling, risking, taking dares, Lord, we come to this time of temptation. We confess that we are often enticed to take the risk for the rewards, often financial, offered if you win. Just “a dollar and a dream” and we hear the glory stories of people receiving great monetary wealth; later, we discover how many lives have been destroyed by this grand prize. Forgive us when we hunger for the wealth and power the world dangles before us. Move us from greed to gratitude for your blessings. Heal our wounded spirits and lives, so that we may fully serve you. Prepare us for this journey of discipleship and healing. In Jesus ’ name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

God will provide for your needs. Place your trust in God. You are not alone. God is with you always. The world cannot offer to you such abiding riches as the presence of God. AMEN.

Time for All Children of God: Lenten Activity

Hymn - Forty Days and Forty Nights - 114 VU

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 1-11

Meditation: *Tempted*

Hymn of Meditation: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert - 115 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Dedication

We do not live on bread alone,
but by your Word, loving God.

May that Word fill our hearts and our hands, all that we have, and all that we are, that it may be a blessing in your world.

In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern - Loving God, we thank you for the journey of our lives, with its ups and downs, with its questions and challenges, and with its moments of joy. We thank you for the beauty around us, for the hills and the trees, for the water and the weather, for all that reminds us of life, and life made new.

Today, we are especially thankful for...we offer you our own celebrations. Even as we say "Thank you," we realize that there is brokenness in us and in our world.

We realize that we have not always lived the love to which you call us. Sometimes by action or by inaction, sometimes by just going along with things, we have broken faith with each other, and with you. We offer to you, our brokenness, loving God, not only asking that we would be forgiven, but that, by your love, we would be made whole, living in new ways, living out Christ's love. Receive the prayers of our hearts, God.

(A time for silent prayer)

Knowing that we are forgiven, knowing that we are loved, we turn to the world, to love it into wholeness. We pray for people living in desert times in their lives, people who are facing famine—of body or spirit, people who are tempted to turn away from what is right and just; and we pray for a world, all creatures, all places, facing destruction.

We remember especially... (Name concerns of the congregation, or from current events) We pray for healing and wholeness, and we ask that we would be a part of the solution, loving God, turning our prayer from words to actions.

Bless our journey, we pray, sharing the words that Jesus gave all his disciples... **Our Father, which art...**

Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: God Be With You Til We Meet Again - 422 VU

Blessing and Commissioning

As we travel this Lenten pathway,
we journey together, a community of faith.

**As we travel this Way of Jesus,
we journey together, but also alone.**

Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,
living Christ's call to love God with all that we are,
to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

**Let us go into God's world
knowing we are never alone.**

Christ's peace, the Creator's love,
and the breath of the Holy Spirit go with us. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Board Meeting on March 10 at 10:30am in the hall.



Lenten Services

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday Prayer service

March 9th - Yoga Prayer for Beginners

March 16th - Taize Worship

March 23rd - Creative Worship

March 30th - Meditation

April 6th - Yoga Prayer for Beginners

April 13th - Taize Worship

April 15th - Good Friday service - 10:30 a.m.

April 17th - Easter Sunday

All Mid-week services start at 1:00 p.m. Please be sure you have proper attire for Yoga Prayer.



CHILI DRIVE-THRU Friday, March 11, 2022 5:00-6:30 p.m. \$7 .00 St. Andrew's United Church 60 West Avenue, St. Thomas Chili, bun, veggie sticks, dessert Call Merna 519-615-2325 to reserve tickets