

St. Andrews United Church



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WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, a tricky Sunday to explain but here goes.

Trinity Sunday brings us face to face with the mystery of God.

Our purpose, the reason that God created us, is to share in the very life of God, which has been revealed through Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit who lives within us draws us into that life.

And so today we remember all that God has done for us.

Acknowledging Our Kinship

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Candle Lighting

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world.

May its light brighten our spirits and may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call To Worship

Come to this place where refuge is found.

God be among us as we join together.

Come to this place where peace is proclaimed.

Christ be among us as we listen for your Word.

Come to this place where faith is empowered.

Spirit be among us as we seek inspiration.

Come to this place where the Triune God is met.

Three-in-one, One-in-three, be among us as we worship you.

Gathering Hymn - Morning Has Broken - 409 VU

Prayer of Confession

Holy Trinity, Three in One, in you is perfect community and perfect love.

We, who are made in your image, struggle to live compassionately in community and humbly when we love.

Forge our brokenness and our failings, in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Words of Assurance

Hear this good news, brothers, sisters, siblings in Christ!

God, our Creator, loves us!

God, our Redeemer, frees us!

God, our Sustainer, holds us!

Thanks be to God!

Young at Heart - The Blind Men and the Elephant

Hymn - All Things Bright and Beautiful - 291 VU

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4

Meditation - **The Great Creator**

Hymn - Touch the World Lightly - 307 VU

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn - Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow - 541 VU

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offering Prayer - You have called and you have challenged us to respond: and we stand here in response to your love and your call. Use these gifts; use our lives; help us to know and show your love to all people and to the whole of creation. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Holy One, We are not sure what it would be like if the Holy Spirit blew through our churches again as it did on the day of Pentecost.

However, we want to speak the language that you have given, louder, and more clearly in our lives and church.

So we pray, come Holy Spirit come,
pour out your fire of love upon us to be the body of Christ in a world that is often hurting, hungry, and cynical.

We want to bring the good news to the poor,
heal the broken-hearted,
preach deliverance to captives,
bring recovery of sight to the blind
and set at liberty all that are bruised.

As your disciples, we pray for all who suffer, are poor,
despairing, burdened, blind and battered.

In your loving breeze,
we pray for health and wholeness for those who are physically ill,
for those who are mentally ailing,
for those who are money sick,
for those who are spiritually unwell.

We pray for the healing of your creation,
and the renewal of the face of the land.
We pray for those who are thirsty,
that they would drink from your fountain of living waters
and never thirst again.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - I Danced in the Morning - 352 VU

Commissioning and Benediction

We go to meet the worst in life, knowing Christ walks with us in the struggle.

We go to share in the brokenness of the world, knowing the Spirit brings healing and hope as helper.

We go to celebrate the joy and the wonder of faith, knowing God's grace guides us always. Amen.

Announcements

Upcoming

June 6- UCW meeting 10:30am, lunch out follows

June 7-Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30am

June 8-Board Meeting, 9:30(please note time change)

June 11-Anniversary Service



UCW will be meeting on June 6 at 10:30am. Lunch out to the Sunset Cafe will follow the meeting.



ON JUNE 11TH, IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY SERVICE -
CELEBRATING 111 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S AND 98 YEARS OF THE UNITED CHURCH
OF CANADA. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ANY MEMORABILIA OR MEMORIES
PLEASE LET REV.CHERYL KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.