**St.Andrews United Church**



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October 8th 2023

# **WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Ladies and gentlemen, gather 'round, don't be shy, it’s time to celebrate, reach for the sky! Oh, the wonders of creation, let's all take a look, From the tiniest bug to the grandest of brooks.

Imagine the creatures, both great and small, From the towering trees to the ants that crawl. God's hand in it all, so vibrant and bold, In the colors of nature, His story is told.

The birds in the sky, how they sing and they soar, with feathers so bright, they adore and explore.

In the rhythm of life, in the dance of each day, we find God's creation in a magical display. From the oceans so deep to the mountains so high,

In Dr. Seuss style, we reach for the sky!

With every creature, each plant, and each tree, God's creation, a gift, for you and for me. So let us give thanks, let us praise and adore, Our Creator above, who we all stand before. With love and with care, let us honour this Earth, For it's a treasure of value, of infinite worth. Let us worship with thanks for God’s craftsmanship.

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

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.

**For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We light a candle, to symbolize that we are the people of God.

**Let the light of one candle remind us of the good each person can do in the world.**

**Call to Worship**

We gather here today with hearts full of gratitude and hope.

As we begin this service of worship, we ask for your guidance, wisdom, and blessings to be with us. May your presence fill this space and guide our thoughts and actions. **In your name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn - For the Fruit of all Creation. - 227 VU**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Young at Heart - The Lorax Video**

**Hymn - I Danced in the Morning - 352**

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering - In gratitude for all the abundant blessings God has given us, we celebrate as we receive our offerings.**

**Offering Hymn** - # 541

*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.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. Amen.**

**Benediction**

Go in peace into God’s world to serve and help others. Go in confidence of God’s presence with you. Go into this world with messages of hope and reconciliation. Go in love. AMEN.

**Messy Church**

**Announcements**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 10 -UCW meeting at 11am in the Hall

October 12-Board meeting at 10:30am

October 12-Euchre at 1:30pm



October 19th

The “Bean Blast” is back! This fundraiser is from 11:30-1pm at St. Anne’s Centre on October 19th. Tickets are $10 and Connie Parsons will have tickets.

