**St.Andrews**

 **United Church**

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**July 2nd, 2023 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

# **WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

**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**

One: This is God's land. From coast to coast to coast, from the far off reaches of the north, to the windswept shores of east and west, to the border with our southern neighbour, God is present in this land.

**All: This is God's land. We are the people of this land.**

One: Here are God's people. From Aboriginal Nations to recent immigrants, from fifth generation farmers to newly arrived professionals, God's people surround us.

**All: We are the people of this land.**

One: Now is God's time. In summer retreats and in holiday places, amid bird song, salt spray, or farm scented air, in cathedral sanctuaries and in parkland gatherings, we honour this holy day together.

**All: This is a time to honour God. Let us give God thanks and praise.**

**Gathering Hymn** - **Let There Be Light - 679 VU**

**Prayer of Confession - Lord we know we haven’t always be the most welcoming to those who are different from us. Instead of giving thanks and sharing the blessings you have given us we grumble and complain about “them” on social media or to our neighbours further spreading hatred. Help us to remember that we are ALL different to some else but we all belong to you. Forgive us for our fearful and selfish ways and help us to turn those fears over to you and recognize everyone as a child of God. Amen.**

**Young at Heart**

**Hymn** - O **Canada - 524 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Luke 12:35-48**

**Meditation**

**Hymn - For the Healing of the Nations - 678 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**

**Minute for Celebrations and Concerns**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - 684 VU**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Go. Bless and be blessed. Love and be loved. Renew and be renewed. Go. Build community, build Canada, build God's vision of Shalom.

**All: We will go with God’s blessing for the world.**

**Announcements**



**We are looking for some donations for the Growing Youth Camp…items needed are juice and juice boxes, cheese,crackers,Rice Krispie Squares, a box of freezies, cookies, watermelon, apples, oranges etc.**

**St.Andrews United Church is pleased to offer 5 weeks of day camp this summer. The Growing Youth Committee fundraises to keep the registration fees affordable as possible. Registration fees are accepted on a cash only basis. Cost of camp is $100 per week. Camps run 9-3 on Monday thru Thursday. Friday camps ends at noon. Childcare for working parents is available at a small cost from 3-4pm. The week camps are running are as follows. Week 1: July 10-14, Week 2: July 17-21, Week 3: July 24-27, Week 4: July 31-Aug.4 and Week 5: Aug. 14-18**

**Rev. Cheryl will be away on holidays July 1-16th.**

***Have you moved lately? Do you have a new phone number? St.Andrews is looking to update our directory, so we are asking the congregation to forward any changes to address, phone, email etc to*** ***standrewsucgra@rogers.com******. Feel Free to call the office as well at 519-631-4558.***

There is no Mailbox Ministry for July 9 and 16th.