**St.Andrews United Church**



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**September 17th 2023**

# **WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

**Candle Lighting**

One: This is the light of one candle. Christ said one little light could push back a lot of darkness.

**All: This is a candle of hope. We pray for the world that the light of Christ will be seen.**

**Gathering Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU574**

**Call To Worship**

One: God breathed life into human beings made in God’s image.

**All: We remember. So let’s give God the glory!**

One: God called to a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead God’s people out of slavery.

**All: We remember. So let’s give God the glory!**

One: God, like a pillar of clouds, led the people through the sea to freedom.

**All: We remember. So let’s give God the glory!**

One: God caused a rock in the wilderness to flow like a river.

**All: We remember. So let’s give God the glory!**

One: God gives us a way when there seems no way.

**All: We remember. So we worship today.**

One: Let us Pray...

**Hymn – Your Hand O God, Has Guided VU274**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

**Young at Heart**

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading – Exodus 16:2-15 Rebellion in the desert**

**Meditation – God Gives to the People.**

**Hymn – We Praise You for the Sun VU 225**

**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**

***A Minute for Celebrations and Concerns***

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn – Creating God Your Fingers Trace VU 265**

**Benediction.**

One: We have been fed by the stories of faith.

**All: We turn our faces into the uncertain places so we may know God.**

One: We have been sustained in the rituals of community.

**All: We turn our lives back to the God of plenty.**

One: May the God of bread and justice accompany us.

**All: May the Spirit surround us with hope as we walk the way of the Christ.**

**Please Note on September 24th there will be an important Congregational Meeting to discuss a Collaborative Ministry with New Vision United Church. Please plan to attend this special meeting.**

**Announcements**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 20th – Prayer Shawl 10:30am

September 28th-Euchre 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.

**Spread the Word! It’s Time to Celebrate**

**Lexi Li’s 30th birthday.**

***Please join us on September 30th from 2-4pm for an open house! We will celebrate with some coffee, tea and goodies. Let your presence be your gift!***

***All are welcome!***

Address: 60 West Ave. St.Thomas ON

 Time: 2pm-4pm (Drop in anytime!)

 Date: September 30th, 2023

 Call Susan at 519-859-7142 if more details are needed

**SHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH…don’t tell Lexi! It’s a surprise!**