**St.Andrews United Church**

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**September 24th 2023**

# **WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

**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.

**Hymn - Come and Find a Quiet Centre - 374 VU**

# Call to Worship

# One: God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,

# All: we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.

# One: Grant to us grace and humility so that our lives

# may honour you among all peoples and nations,

# All: Create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures, and work for the healing of this world that you created.

# One Let us Come before God in Worship. Amen

# Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Lord, we confess that we don**’**t always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see** “**the light at the end of the tunnel”. For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and hopelessness. Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits!**

**Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus**’ **Name. AMEN.**

**Hymn - Would You Bless Our Homes and Families - 556 VU**

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture reading** - Isaiah 55 1-2, 5-7

2nd Corinthians 9: 6-9

Matthew 15: 29, 32-38

**Sermon - Remnants Vs. Abundance**

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

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**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**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - God of Grace - 686 VU**

# 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.

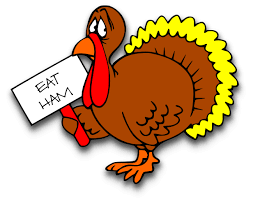
# Postlude

**Announcements**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

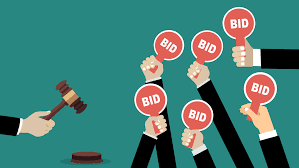
September 28th-Euchre 1:30pm

October 1- World Wide Communion

October 8-Messy Church Service -***Thanksgiving***

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.

Fun Quarter Auction at Central United Church, Oct.4 at 6pm, 135 Wellington Street. Admission is $5, bring your quarters. Proceeds to Local Community Charitable Organizations.