



# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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# **WE GATHER**

## **Welcome and Announcements -**

**Awesome and loving God, thank you for our church family. We have celebrated so many great things about our community. Thank you, God, for the people of our church, the fun we have, and the ways we learn to love you and your people. Help us, God, to be important parts of our church community and love and serve as you would have us do. Amen!**

## **Lighting the Christ Candle -**

**We light this candle for the good news we shared, the good news in hearts, and the good news that wherever you go God is with you**

## **Acknowledging Our Territory**

**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.**

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

## **Call to Worship -**

**One: God calls us to work as one, with God’s help.**

**All: We are called to have COURAGE IN COMMUNITY!**

**One: God welcomes us to rely on one another and find safe space in our church home,**

**All: We are called to TRUST one another!**

**One: God emboldens us to stand up for justice and for our belief in God,**

**All: We are called to STAND UP for what's right!**

**One: God beckons us to invite others to join our church family,**

**All: We are called to GO and make disciples!**

**One: Thank you, God, for being with us as we trust, stand up and go with our community.**

**All: Thank you, God, for our church family! Amen!**

**Gathering Hymn -Precious Lord Take My Hand 670 VU**

**Prayer of Confession -**

Gracious God, we are called to be a joyful people, giving thanks for You and Your good gifts. There are times, however, when sin and sorrow grow, pushing joy to the side. We lose sight of Your grace, and instead fall into despair. We are consumed by loss, distracted by stuff, and crippled with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love. Lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Remind us that: in Your sacrifice is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, in Your coming is our joy! Through Christ we pray, Amen.

**All God's Children - Lifted Up in Community**

**Growing Youth Covenanting**

**Awesome, Ever Present God,**

**You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important, and life-changing things with you.**

**Today, we are celebrating and asking for your blessing over our campers and their leaders. They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and faith formation that will help them grow closer to you.**

**Bless them so that all of their fears and anxieties might be met with your peace.**

**Bless them so that all of their questions and seeking might be explored with your guidance.**

**Bless them so that all of their excitement and energy might be met with your joy.**

**Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, praying for the exciting time at camp. Help them know our love and our hopes for them. Bless our church, too, God. Bless us so that we might be changed, just as they are, because of their time at camp.**

**Hymn - Seek Ye First - 356 VU**

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Meditation - *THE COURAGE TO CONNECT***

**Hymn of Meditation - We Are Pilgrims - 595 VU**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

### **Dedication**

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is,  
there will our hearts be also.

In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—  
all that we have and all that we are.

We come seeking your treasure—  
treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint.

Share with us the treasure of heaven,  
that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.

## **A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

For your world and your children,  
we bring our prayers to you, God of love.

For those creatures who are misunderstood,  
for those place which are abused, may there be loving care.

For those who have not known love, for those who struggle to care,  
may there always be another chance.

For those who live in fear,  
for those who bring fear to others,  
may there be justice and peace.

For those living with wounds,  
for those confounded by death and loss,  
may there be hope for new life.

For those who want to understand more,  
for those who are content,  
may minds and hearts remain open.

For your world and your children,  
we open our hearts.  
Hear our cries, and lead us,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: Praise with Joy the World's Creator - 312 VU**

## **Blessing and Commissioning**

**Send us out, O God.**

**Send our campers to walk and play and adventure with you.**

**Send our church out to do the same.**

**Send each of us out into the world, knowing that you are with us  
and that your community is supporting us, wherever we go.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Outdoor church service July 31st. - 10:30 at 70 Mandeville Rd, St Thomas at the home of Brian and Lynn Sloan. Bring YOUR OWN lunch to follow. Please bring chairs and your own drinks too. We will be having the service at St. Andrews if it rains.



Spread the word.....camp is back on at St. Andrew's United Church. We will have 4 weeks this summer of fun and hijinks. The Dates are July18-22, July25-29, August 8-12 and August 15-19. Cost will be \$100 per week.



**New: you can now etransfer givings to St.Andrews. This can be used to make a donation, pay for camp, buy dinner tickets etc. You can do etransfers thru your bank and the email address to use is: [statreasurerst@gmail.com](mailto:statreasurerst@gmail.com). Feel free to ask Rev.Cheryl or Susan or our treasurer Belinda any questions you may have about etransfer.**

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# Religious Education

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