

# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

# **WE GATHER**

**Welcome and Announcements** - Good morning and welcome!

Let us come together to worship our awesome and wonderful God. As we bring our praises before God this day may they be received with our adoration, let our words be full of truth, and may God take away any fear we have about expressing our love for our Creator and the church. Let our worship glorify God this day. 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** - (based on Acts 2:43–47)

One: We are called to be the church.

**All: We come to learn from the lessons Jesus taught.**

One: Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

**All: We come in amazement of the wondrous things God is doing in the world.**

One: All who believed were together and had all things in common.

**All: We come with our own unique stories and histories, drawn together in God’s love.**

One: They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

**All: We come to learn ways we can care for God's people and Creation.**

One: Day by day, as they spent much time together in the Temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

**All: We come to share in fellowship as God's people.**

One: And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**All: We come to worship God together in community.**

**Gathering Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - 220 VU**

**Prayer of Confession -**

**Generous maker, merciful Saviour, you are worthy of all our praise. Yet sometimes, Lord, we are tongue-tied and shy, reticent to give voice to our experience of the Holy. Forgive us, God, when we have hidden the light of your love under a basket. Have mercy on us for the times when we have left things unsaid that needed to be spoken. Gracious God, hear our silent prayers as we confess those things that separate us from you and from each other...**

*(silence)*

**Words of Assurance**

One: God is merciful and loving. When we bring our shortcomings to the foot of the cross, we can be assured of our forgiveness. Know that God's love and mercy are yours. Go and sin no more.

**All God's Children - How do you express your love?**

**Hymn - O For a Thousand Tongues VU 326**

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

**Scripture Reading - Luke 10: 1-9**

**Meditation -**

**Hymn of Meditation - Oh a Song Must Rise - MV 142**

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

## **Invitation to Offering**

### **Dedication**

Holy and generous God, accept these gifts that they might be your hands and feet in the world. Accept our lives that we might give voice to your love for all Creation. Amen.

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

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

Glorious God, in the outpouring of your Spirit, we affirm that you have not left us alone. You have called us to be the church—your people, guided by that Spirit to live lives of abundance and generosity. For that, we give you thanks and praise.

We give thanks for whose we are—children of the living God.

We declare our identity as those claimed by Christ.

We anticipate the kind of community we will become—a church fully alive in the Spirit. As we heed your call in our lives, we give thanks and glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Gracious God, give us gentle hearts to walk with those who are hurting—the sick, the sad, and the lonely. Help us speak words of comfort and be a loving presence to the people around us.

Redeeming Saviour, give us courage to stand up to injustice, to use our power and privilege to challenge oppression, to offer grace and mercy to those who have wronged us.

Eternal Spirit, crack open our hesitancy to extend generosity to others. Break through our fears and dismantle our prejudices. Make us responsive to your presence in our lives.

Into this time of silence, O Lord, we offer up to you all those people and situations that lie close to our hearts. Hear our prayers, O God, and in your love answer...

*(silence)*

Glory to God, from generation to generation, across differences and localities, in the church and through the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet - VU 245

## Blessing and Commissioning

Go in peace, dear friends! Go with the knowledge that God, the loving Parent, Jesus, our brother, and the Holy Spirit are with you! Bring peace to all you meet. AMEN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Baby Bottles for Fresh Start are available from Rev. Cheryl - Please return by the second Sunday of June.**

★ Final UCW meeting before summer will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m, followed by lunch at The Bistro. Please sign up by calling the office by May 31st. All Ladies of the church are welcome.



Strawberry Social will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm till 6:30pm. It will be a drive thru. Please purchase tickets ahead of time from Merna Edison or call the office to reserve. Tickets are \$10



Worship service on June 19<sup>th</sup> will be at Rev.Cheryl's farm! It will be a combined service with Kerwood United and everyone is asked to bring a brown bag lunch and drink to enjoy after the service! As well, please bring a lawn chair. Please let the office know if you require a ride to the service.



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.

## Upcoming Special Services

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
July 3	Helen Keenlside from Canadian Food Grains Bank(Rev.Cheryl away)
July 10	UCW 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service(Rev.Cheryl away)

