**St. Andrews United**

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**WE GATHER**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Acknowledging our Territory,

One: For thousands of years, there have been people on this land. In time, the new people changed the world for them. In a spirit of reconciliation, we are all called to make a difference in the lives of each other. To understand the past, and to seek to be in good relations into the future. Let us be better neighbors.

**All: We seek the good of each person, by being in right relations with them and God.**

Call to Worship:

One: Come, pilgrims. Let us gather together.

Come, enter this holy pause.

**All: In this place, we lay down our burdens.**

One: We take the time to still our minds.

**All: Let us release our tasks and to-do lists.**

One Now is the time to rest in God’s love.

**All: We step into the present and enter God’s presence to pray, to praise, to sing, to renew.**

One: We gladly proclaim we are chosen by God as we open our hearts to hear God’s call and rejoice.

**All: Let us rejoice in God’s name. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn –** VU 213 - Rejoice the Lord is King

**Prayer of Confession**

One: Forgiving God, we confess that so often we block the idea that you chose us to follow our own special path. We choose fear over love and bury our God-given gifts.

**All: Forgive us, O God.**

One: We confess those times we fail to notice that others have gifts to express, yet the Body of Christ needs all of its members to flourish.

**All: Forgive us, O God.**

One: We confess those times we are jealous of others and crush and obstruct their gifts, denying that they too are chosen.

**All: Forgive us, O God.**

One: Help us to see that the loss of our gifts withholds your light from the world

and grant us the courage to live as your chosen people.

**All: Help us to find the way to serve you better. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**All God’s Children**

**Hymn –** VU 337 - Blessed Assurance

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 15:24-16:13 - The Prophet finds David.

**Meditation**: Who is to be called?

**Hymn –** VU 288 - Great is Thy Faithfulness.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn**

**Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving - 540 VU**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

 with a spirit large and free,

 that ourselves and all our living

 we may offer faithfully.

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 563 - Jesus, you have come to the Lakeshore.

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**Announcements**

***Upcoming***

***June 30- “Life Together” with New Vision, hot dog lunch to follow***

***June 30th-Snack sized desserts such as pudding cups, Jello cups, fruit cup etc.***



**Fresh Start Baby bottles are due back.**

 **Growing Youth are looking for donations for summer day camp snacks. Some ideas are box of freezies, juice boxes, popsicles or ice cream sandwiches, fruit snacks, gold fish crackers, granola bar, apple, oranges, watermelon, pancake mix and syrup, fruit cups etc. You can bring them into the office anytime.**