***St. Andrews***

***United Church***



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May 11th 2025

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Christian Family Sunday/Mother’s Day**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

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**

Creator, parent of the human family,

**we gather to worship you.**

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

**we gather to worship you.**

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

**we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from your story/our story, in thoughts and reflections.**

**Let us worship God.**

**Gathering Hymn - I Am the Light of the World - 87 VU - Verses 2-4**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Promise of Forgiveness**

**All God’s Children - The Runaway Bunny**

**Hymn - Let Us Build a House - 1 MV**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Acts 2: 42-47, Galatians 6: 10, Ephesians 2: 19**

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation - Kin to One Another**

**Hymn - Come In, Come In and Sit Down - 395 VU**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn - For the Gift of Creation - 538 VU**

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,**

**and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,**

**we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.**

**May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**Choral Amen**

***Announcements***

**Upcoming**

* **UCW on May 13th at 10:30am**
* **Bible Study on May 14th 1pm at NVCC**
* **Regional Meeting on May 14th**
* **Euchre on May 15th at 1:30pm**



**The Foodbank item for May 18th is Granola Bars.**



**Fresh Start Support Services Annual Baby Bottle Drive – from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Fill a bottle! Pick up a bottle to fill with change, cash, cheques or etransfers (**[**babybottle@fsms.ca**](mailto:babybottle@fsms.ca)**) Call 519-637-7775 for more info. Or check out www.fsms.ca.**

***Anniversary Info: Our 100th Anniversary celebration is on June 8th . A Cluster Worship Service is being hosted simultaneously at Central United Church (135 Wellington Street) with many local churches. There will be a joint choir and all invited churches may join.***

***The Program for the gathering will be as follows:***

***4:00 pm - Joint Potluck (in kitchen/gym)***

***5:00 pm - Music in the Sanctuary***

***5:30pm – Worship Service will begin***

***An offering will be received for Mission and Service.***

***Please contact Lori @ 519-631-7570 x21 or*** [**office@1stunitedchurch.ca**](mailto:office@1stunitedchurch.ca)

* *Bible Study will begin again on May 14th at 1pm at NVCC. The theme is Fearless: Imagine a life without fear.*