

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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6th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements -

Good morning and welcome to this service of worship.

We pray that the Holy One, will speak to us today and continue to grow something good in our community. Expand our imaginations of what is possible. Stretch our understandings, that we might more fully know the depth and breadth of God's love for all Creation. 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 Kinship -

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Call to Worship -

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 - We are One - 402 VU

Prayer of Confession

All: God who defies expectations, we confess that sometimes in our need to feel we belong, in our haste to find places of safety and comfort, we sometimes close the door on others. We create barriers between us and them. We set limits and boundaries and conditions on the grace that you give us—grace meant for sharing. Forgive us, loving God, and open our minds and our hearts, that there might be room for the Spirit to enter in. Gracious God, hear our silent prayers as we confess those things that separate us from you and from each other...

(silence)

All God's Children - Unexpected results

Hymn - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me - 575 VU

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Acts 10:1–24, 34–48, Luke 14: 16-23

Meditation - Enough for All

Hymn of Meditation - Blessed Be the Ties - 602 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Dedication -

Holy Creator, we offer these gifts to you. May they serve all your people and help us come together in a community of your love. Amen.

A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

In God's love there is plenty of room for us all.

Room for the sinner, and room for the saint.

Room for the popular, and room for the outcast.

Room for young and old, short and tall.

Room for all colours and gender expressions, sexual orientations and creeds.

In God's embrace there is room for the whole and the broken.

Room for the stranger and friend.

Room for the steadfast and sure.

Room for the curious and doubting.

Room for oppressor and oppressed.

In God's care and concern there is room for our prayers.

Prayers made in public, prayers made in private.

Prayers made of eloquent wording, prayers made by the yearning of our hearts.

There is room for the prayers that we make in this silence, prayers that we bring before God right now...

(silence)

There is plenty of room in God's love for us all. Plenty of room for our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Go To the World - 420 VU

Blessing and Commissioning

Follow God's call out from this place, and seek God's face in God's people everywhere. Take with you the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who moves amongst us inviting all people into God's expanding story of love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Executive Director, Karen Schouten from Fresh Start.



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 14th at 11:00 a.m, followed by lunch at Pasto's. Please sign up by May 31st.



The Garden Party scheduled for May 28th is cancelled. There will however be a Strawberry Social on June 24th with hot dogs, strawberries etc. 6:30 p.m.- Drive-thru - Please purchase tickets ahead. Details to follow.



Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for May 29th and will be a Hybrid meeting.