

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle defiantly, courageously, boldly, to help us remember that the shadow of lament and rage and sorrow do not last forever. The light of Christ is still there, always there, even when we cannot see it. Thanks be to God.

Acknowledging Our Territory

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on Traditional lands.

If you come here today full of cause for celebration, **you are welcome.**

If you come here today full of questions, **you are welcome.**

If you come here today full of sorrow or grief, **you are welcome.**

However you have come, from wherever you have come, **you are most welcome here.**

Let us prepare to worship the God who welcomes everyone.

Call to Worship

One: Sometimes, God, we need to gather to lament.

All: We come ready to trust you with our grief.

One: Sometimes, God, we need to gather to rage.

All: We come ready to trust you with our anger.

One: Sometimes, God, we need to gather to witness and to weep.

All: We come ready to trust that you will comfort us in our time of need.

One: Sometimes, we just need to be here together and sit in the pain.

All: And so we come ready to just be, together, and to trust you with all of who we are.

One: Let us worship the God who loves the whole of us beyond measure and without exception.

Gathering Hymn - "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (VU 374)

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God, gathered as your people
responding to your call,

We Confess:

**the self that is not aware of sinning
the heart that is too hardened to repent.
the pride that dares not admit it is wrong
the righteous that knows no fault
the callousness that has ceased to care
the blindness that can see nothing but its own will**

God, in your healing love forgive us, through our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

All God's Children - [Follow the Leader](#)

Hymn - Come Children Join to Sing - 345 VU

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Psalm 22: 1-15

Meditation - [Wisdom from the Bench](#)

Hymn of Meditation - Amazing Grace - 266 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Merciful God, thank you for hearing us when we cry out to you. When pain and suffering, ours or someone else's, seem too much to bear, help us remember that you are there with us.

Loving God, please help us to remember that this church is your church. Help us to live faithfully into the mission of the Church universal.

Gracious God, please touch our hearts that we might love the world as you do.

Help us to steward resources faithfully, live generously, and serve others cheerfully.

Compassionate God, help us to accompany and care for those who are dealing with illness of the mind or body. May they receive all they need to heal and regain vitality.

Spirit of God, we take a moment now to remember aloud or in silence those we know and love who are suffering or celebrating in some way....(*time of silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, receive the prayers of all our hearts this day. Let us now pray together the prayer that Jesus taught:

Lord's Prayer

Hymn - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - 626 VU

Blessing and Commissioning

Take time this week to talk to God and share what's on your heart.

Take time this week to listen and hear the heart of another.

Take time this week to rest, just as you are, in the heart of God.

Sharing the goodness you find there with all whom you encounter.

May the grace of God enfold you,
may the light of Christ shine upon you,
and may the power of the Holy Spirit move in and through you,
today and all your days.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Services

October 22-Rummage and Bake Sale

October 20-Euchre at 1:30pm



Souper Sundays in support of

Alzheimer's Society

On October 16th and October 30th....various delicious soups will be served after church. All proceeds go directly to the Alzheimer's Society. \$5 but if you donate \$20 you get a tax receipt from them! October Sundays are going to be wonderful! Let's soup-port this great cause!



October 22 is our Rummage and Bake Sale.

8am till Noon! Come out and check out all

our treasures and treats!



Bake Table Price List-

Muffins-1/2 dozen \$4

Cookies-1 dozen \$6

Loaves-large-\$6

Pies-9" fruit pie \$9.00

For other baking, please choose price you feel appropriate. Please bring baking on October 21 from 10am-2pm for set up! Thank you!