

# **ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**



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**October 23, 2022**

# **WE GATHER**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

Good morning and welcome! We come here this morning offering praise and glory to our great and glorious God who has breathed new life into our dry and dusty souls, giving us fresh hope and new enthusiasms for life and living, both individually and as a community of faith. We have each experienced times of loss and disappointment, yet our trustworthy God has turned these sorrows and pains into times of hope and expectation, breathing new life and joy into all our actions; including our worship, come let us worship our Wonderful God!

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

By lighting this candle, we remember who we are and whose we are in Christ, and we rejoice. Amen.

## **Acknowledging Our Territory**

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

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

Welcome, you who are weary and in need of blessing.

**God will meet you here.**

Welcome, you who wonder what the point of all this is.

**God will meet you here.**

Welcome, you who rejoice at the abundance we have been given.

**God will meet you here! Amen.**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Once upon a time, God, you delivered your people and gave them liberty.

**All: And now, God, do it again!**

One: You gave food to the hungry and sight to the blind.

**All: And now, God, do it again!**

One: You blessed all creatures of the Earth and declared your creation good.

**All: And now, God, do it again!**

One: As we join in worship this morning,

**All: remind us of the rain that comes after the drought to fill our lives with blessing.**

One: Come, let us worship God, giving thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**Gathering Hymn - Be Thou My Vision - 642 VU**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude  
for all that you have done for us,  
our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored,  
our selfishness when prompted to give or share,  
our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way.**

**We ask for your forgiveness,  
through Jesus Christ who gave all,  
that we might learn to do likewise.  
Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

How much does God love us?  
Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,  
not to condemn us, but to save us.  
Not by our speaking or doing,  
but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

**All God's Children - I Need a Little Help**

Hymn - Open My Eyes That I May See - 371 VU

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

Scripture Reading - Psalm 126

Meditation - *Wisdom in the Round*

Hymn of Meditation - Draw the Circle Wide - 145 MV

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

### **Invitation to Offering**

Now let us take up our offering with generous hearts, as we seek to draw the circle wider and wider so that one day all will be fed, all will be safe, and peace and justice will flow for all God's creatures.

### **Dedication**

**Thank you, God, for these gifts of money, a symbol of abundance and a means of sharing generously all that we have. May this offering bless the ministry of this community of faith and our Mission & Service partners all over the world. Amen.**

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

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

God our creator, our centre, our friend,  
we thank you for the circle of life inside which we are blessed.  
We thank you for your vision of peace and abundant life for all.  
We are grateful for those who are dear to us,  
for those who have died,  
and for all who have helped to form and shape us.  
We take a moment now to remember those loved ones who are on our

hearts this morning...

*(silence)*

Gracious God, most of all, we thank you for the faith that is in us,  
for our awareness of your presence,  
and for our hope in you and your ways.

Keep us, we pray,  
ever thankful, faithful, and hopeful now and forever...

...and now let us gather all our prayers together by praying together the  
words that Jesus taught his friends so long ago...

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn - I Feel the Winds of God Today - 625 VU**

## **Blessing and Commissioning**

Go boldly into the world this week, confident that by the power of  
God's Spirit moving in you, you can make a difference, you can offer  
blessing, and you can welcome others into the circle. Let us share all  
that we are and all that we have so that the whole world might be  
blessed

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Upcoming Services**

**October 30- Soup Lunch after church**



Drive thru Beef Dinner on November 4, from 5pm till 7pm. Tickets are \$20. Please call 519-615-2325 for tickets.



***Souper Sundays in support of Alzheimer's Society***

**On October 30<sup>th</sup>.... delicious soup 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!**



Just a reminder to check your mailboxes in the main hall, and if you don't have a mailbox can you please let Susan or Cheryl know!

# Peggy's Pumpkin Patch

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 PIE  
 DONUTS  
 GOLD  
 HOTCOCOA  
 PUMPKIN  
 RED  
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 TRACTOR  
 MARSHMALLOW  
 SMASHING  
 CAMP  
 MUD  
 GREEN  
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