

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



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# WE GATHER

**Welcome -  
Announcements**

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

In a world that can be chaotic and frightening,

**we light a candle of hope.**

In a world where the way is uncertain,

**may this light of Christ show us the way.**

## **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.

**Gathering Hymn - How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds - 344 VU**

## **Call To Worship**

L: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

**P: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**

L: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**P: Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.**

L: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**P: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us.**

**AMEN.**

## **Young at Heart Time**

**Hymn of Praise - Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give thanks - 179 VU**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we come to you today with a sense of humility. We recognize that we sometimes give in to self-serving interests rather than carry out your work in the world. You call us to service, but often your invitation falls on closed hearts and minds.

Forgive us when we only look to our own interests and ignore the interests of those around us and the interests of creation.

We ask for your blessing and guidance, so that we may enter a state of harmony with each other and with all creation.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God is the one who reconciles and makes new.

God instills in us a sense of peace when we are surrounded by conflict.

God has shown us the true nature of humility by coming to us in human form.

Knowing that God is alongside us each day, let us embrace forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

**Scripture Reading - Mark 10: 35-45**

**Meditation - "That's My Spot!"**

**Hymn - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee - 560 VU**

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

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -**

We thank you, loving God, that you do not leave us without helpers.

thank for your special agents, those guardian angels—

both human and heavenly—who never cease to care.

Wherever there are situations of confusion, where doubts proliferate and anxieties spawn, please send in your angels of light.

Wherever people are crippled by guilt, or deeply regret damage to others which they can never rectify, send in your angels of mercy.

Wherever there is arrogance and deceit, corruption and greed, send in your fiery angels of judgement.

Wherever ignorance reigns or superstition cripples individuals or communities, please send in your angels of truth.

Wherever persons or nations become obsessed with aggression, or resort to terrorism and warfare, send in your agents of peace and goodwill.

Wherever families are at loggerheads, or in the workplace folk feel alienated from one another, send in your angels of reconciliation.

Wherever people see their future as bleak or dangerous, and fall into the trap of inertia or despair, please send in your angels of hope.

Wherever the church becomes exclusive, or gets caught up in its own regulations, traditions, or inflexible dogma, send in your angels of reformation.

Wherever ministers lose their passion for the Gospel, or congregations become self-satisfied or apathetic, please send in your angels of rebuke.

Wherever there are people who are afflicted by disease or injured in accidents, struggle against mental ills or suffer from criminal violence, send in your angels of healing.

Wherever the dying endure fears or pain, and the bereaved either shed the hot tears of a fresh grief or endure the long-term loss of a partner or friend, send in your angels of comfort.

Loving God, Lord of all the messengers of grace on earth and in heaven, hear our prayers and enlist us, please God, within the ranks of your caring angels. Through Jesus Christ your only True Son, our Saviour and our inspiration. **Amen!**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Final Hymn - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - 651 VU**

## **Commissioning and Benediction -**

**You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. AMEN.**