



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am
November 13, 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

“St. Andrew’s United Church is a progressive worshipping community dedicated to spiritual growth, caring, and inclusivity that is providing outreach to the community and the world”

Our worship leader is Fred Mathieson. Karen Purdy is on the piano/organ with Jenna Nash leading the choir; their music brings life and joy to our Sunday mornings!

Please note: We will not be passing the plate; there is a box for your donations at the Sanctuary entrance.

Celebration Box:

Congratulations to you, May the dear Lord bless you
May God’s special blessing, Descend upon you.



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer (All)

Sculpting God, you give galaxies their form; you shape granite mountains, and you design butterfly wings.

Dancing God, you choreograph the paths of the stars and the flight of the snow geese.

Singing God, your divine song is sung by meadowlarks, mountain streams, and the rushing wind.

Wonderful God, we rejoice to be part of your blessed world which you love and sustain. Amen.

Hymn VU # 499 O Christ, the Word incarnate

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Hymn VU # 600 When I needed a neighbour

Reflection: "Masks"

Hymn VU # 681 Where cross the crowded ways of life

Minute for Mission

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

One: O God, lover of the world, you hold all that you have created within your compassionate embrace.

All: As you hold our lives torn by pain, sorrow, or hatred within your aching heart, we cry out for wholeness -- for ourselves, for those we love, and for our hurting world.

One: May your healing presence gently transform the places of our lives where we hold pain.

All: May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all those who find themselves in despair, lost, or alone.

One: May your transforming presence create generosity in place of greed, harmony in place of hatred, and everlasting justice where evil now reigns.

All: O God, lover of the world, from the silence of our own hearts, we bring before you these people and places that need your healing, your loving, and your transforming presence.

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One: O God, lover of the world, this is your world, and we claim your power and your presence to make it whole.

All: We join together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Mother and Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn MV # 12 Come touch our hearts

Blessing and Commissioning:

One: Our actions will enable the face of Christ to be unmasked.

All: among the sick, among the distressed, among the fearful, among the lonely; among the depressed; among those who lack confidence.

One: Go from here as those committed to bring the reign of Christ closer.

All: We will be a challenge to the powerful; we will be a support to the suffering; we will be a word of hope to the uncertain; we will be an encouraging presence to the doubting.

One: Go with confidence; go in peace.

Recessional

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship service.

Please remember that St. Andrew's United is "Scent-Free".

Our thanks to Arlene Clark for sponsoring this bulletin and Fred Mathieson for leading us this week!