

# Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am March 26, 2023

#### MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Andrew's United Church is a progressive worshiping community dedicated to spiritual growth, caring, and inclusivity that is providing outreach to the community and the world"

Our worship leader is Laura Richard with the help of our Affirming Committee. 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**

# **Call to Worship**

One: We celebrate the diversity of God's creation and

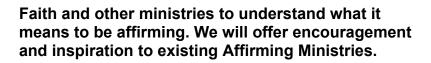
encourage the full participation of all people in ministry

All: The full rainbow spectrum of human diversity includes (but is not limited to) age, gender identity, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, differing abilities, ethnic and theological backgrounds, spiritual beliefs, economic circumstances, and all definitions of family.

One: We make a public, intentional, and explicit commitment to sharing our faith, gifts, and resources to live out God's

call to love, compassion, and justice.

All: As an Affirming Ministry, we will support an ongoing, engaging, educational process for Communities of



**Hymn** MV #1 Let Us Build A House (Verse 1, 2, 4, 5)

## **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (ALL)**

Beloved One, your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you. We hope to embody such love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn. May we endeavor to learn from each other and grow together in love that protects and uplifts. Amen.

We pray to you who is our Mother and our Father,

Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy 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. And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever

Amen

# Scripture Readings

**Romans 8:38-39** Nothing can separate us from the love of God. **Psalm 139:13-14** God did not make a mistake in creating anyone.

**Galatians 3:28** God welcomes people of all genders and sexual identities.

Luke 14:12-14 Jesus at a Pharisee's House

These are the word of scripture, may God bless our understanding – Amen

Reflection

**Hymn** MV #138 My Love Colours Outside The Lines

Minute For Mission

**Response Hymn** MV #115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

**Prayers of the People** 

Hymn VU #697 O For A World

**Congregational Covenant with a Sacraments Elder** 

**Scripture Reading and Statement of Purpose** 

#### **Covenant Questions and Promises**

To the community of faith:

One: Members of the community of faith, you have heard the promises of Karen, who has answered God's call to be a sacraments elder. I invite you to pledge your support:

All: We celebrate our partnership with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to honour your ministry of celebrating the sacraments of baptism and communion, and to support you with our prayer and all our other ministries, that together we may be the Body of Christ.

Laying on of hands and Prayer

### **Presentation and Declaration**

Hymn MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name

## **Blessing and Sending**

You are loved, you are holy, you are whole, and you belong here. May God be with us as we leave this place. May our hearts be open to experience love. And may our hearts be open to experience God's great love for all creation.

