



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



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 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

Faith and other ministries to understand what it means to be affirming. We will offer encouragement and inspiration to existing Affirming Ministries.

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.

Psalms 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.

