

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am March 5th, 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 Fred Mathieson. Hannah Elich 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.

### **Welcome and Opening Words**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Hymn VU:** # 373 As comes the breath of spring

#### **Prayer of Appreciation and the Lord's Prayer**

One: More than having great wealth,

All: We appreciate your wonderful creation, O God.

One: More than fame and popularity,

All: We value the teachings of Jesus Christ, O God.

One: More than belonging to an exclusive group,

All: We are glad to be members of your faith community, O God.

One: More than anything else in the world,

All: We rejoice in your gracious love for us, O God. Amen. Sung version of the Lord's Prayer: VU p. 960

# Scripture Readings

Numbers 12:3

Psalm 25 (VU p. 752, Refrain 2)

Luke 18: 9-14

**Hymn MV:** # 150 Spirit God, be our breath

Reflection: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Mt.

5:5)

**Hymn MV:** # 154 Deep in our hearts

Minute for Mission

### **Prayers of the People**

One: O Lord, we pray today for the times when we are meek -- when we realize the value of not being pushy; when we understand the benefits of co-operation over competition; when we quietly go about our business in a capable and efficient way; when we have our impulses under control; when we realize our limitations and our weaknesses and work to strengthen them.

## All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: And, O Lord, we pray today for the times when meekness needs to be modified as we pray for the courage to speak out against injustice; as we pray for the bravado needed to alert the world to the great needs in our community and in our world; as we pray that we are urged to help friends who are in need and crave for our attention -- that we do not hold back our love for them.

All: Lord, hear our prayer and help us to further the coming of your kingdom through many acts of simple, pure, generous, and inclusive love. Amen.

**Hymn VU:** # 603 In loving partnership Commissioning and Benediction

Prayers of the People - Prayer Cycle 2023

March 5

International Women's Day (March 8)

Climax (Bracken, Climax, Frontier)

Craik (Craik)

# Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship service. Please remember that St. Andrew's United is "Scent-Free".

Church Phone #: (306) 692-0533

Church office e-mail: <a href="mailto:st.andrews.mj@sasktel.net">st.andrews.mj@sasktel.net</a>

<u>www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUnitedChurchMooseJaw</u> <u>St. Andrew's United Church, Moose Jaw - YouTube</u>

# **Latest news from St. Andrews: Attendance**: February 26th – 80

Donations: Local: \$ 910.25

# Other donations:

**M & S**: \$ 32.60

If you are interested in signing up for P.A.R. (Pre-authorised remittance) there are forms just outside the Sanctuary. Fill one out and put it under the door of the office.

