



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am April 30, 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 Neil Colmin. 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.



Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen

Call to Worship:

We are God’s church: We come together to worship.
He has given us his Word: We come together to learn from him.
He has filled us with his power: We go out to bring others to him.
He has called us into his family: We come together to share our lives.
He has put his words on our lips: We go out to tell the world about him.
He has given us his Spirit: We come together to celebrate.
He has showered us with his riches: We go out to share his goodness with others.

He has freed us from our past: We come together to move forwards.
He has planned for us a glorious future: We go out to live our lives to please him.
We are God’s church: We come together to worship.

Hymn MV# 24 Breath of God, Breath of Peace

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (All):

Come Lord, come down, come in, come among us.
In our success-oriented society, we have learned to fulfill requirements to earn high marks on school assignments, to achieve an extra bonus or a promotion in our jobs, and even to gain special accolades from peers. Yet to work for justice, mercy and humility doesn’t come with earthly rewards. In fact, quite the opposite. If we were to truly serve those whom God serves, the cost would be high, and we risk losing the status, power, and privilege with which we have become comfortable.
In confession God, we can no longer feign ignorance. You have, indeed, shown us what you require. May we willing to pay the price for You and Your Kingdom here on earth.
Now let us pray together the way Jesus taught saying:
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 into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

2nd Reading: Psalm 23 (VU page 749 refrain 2)

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Response:

ONE - These are our words from scripture.

ALL- May God bless our understanding.

Reflection: **1 Peter 2: 19-25**
 How Can I Suffer?

Hymn VU# 210 You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn VU # 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Prayers of the People

Final Hymn VU # 657 He Leadeth Me

Blessing and Sending

Day by day, God leads us: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Go now in Peace and light with the Love of God to surround you, the Grace of God to astound you, and the Hope of God to ground you.

Amen

Prayers of the People - Prayer Cycle 2023

Asian Heritage Month (May)

Four Town (*Bredenbury, Langenburg, Saltcoats*)

This bulletin was sponsored by Betty Bueckert, may God bless her soul.

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