



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am May 14, 2023
Happy Mother's Day!



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. 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.

Welcome and Opening Words

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

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



Celebration Box:

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

Call to Worship

One: This is the day to honour mothers and to honour families.

All: Celebrate with us, Loving God.

One: This is a day to give thanks for our parents and grandparents.

All: Celebrate with us, Caring God.

One: This is a day to celebrate our whole family.

All: Celebrate with us, God of Fellowship.

One: This is a day to rejoice in our church.

All: Celebrate with us, Faithful God.

One: This is the day to remember the entire human family.

All: Celebrate a sharing world, Universal God.

Hymn VU # 556 *Would you bless our homes and families.*

Prayer

With the loving vulnerability of a tiny baby, we open ourselves to you, O God.

With the infinite curiosity of a growing child, we search for you, O God.

With the responsibility of young parents, we rely on you, O God.

With the reflective experience of maturity, we sense your presence, O God.

With the creaking wisdom of advancing years, we rest in a hope strong and secure.

In our living, in our forgiving, in our loss and in our dying, we look to you, O Eternally Present One. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8: 1-4; 22-31

Psalm 66 VU p. 785 (Parts Two and Three)

John 14: 15-21

Hymn VU # 554 *God made from one blood*

Reflection “*That's my family!*”

Hymn VU # 226 *For the beauty of the earth*

Prayer for Christian Family Sunday

One: Today, O God, we gather on Christian Family Sunday to give thanks and to pray for our families.

All: We thank you for families rooted in love, where character is formed and values are learned, and where lives are filled with hopefulness and laughter.

One: We acknowledge that families sometimes disappoint us. People argue, people fight; people hurt one another in many different ways.

All: Forgive us, gracious God. Where there is pain, resentment or bitterness, enter with your healing love.

One: Open our hearts to families who are suffering. Increase our compassion towards all with painful memories.

All: We pray with hope that all families may be a source of blessing and abundant life.

One: Let us join our hearts and voices with the words of the prayer that Jesus taught us: **Our Mother and 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU # 606 *In Christ there is no east or west*

Commissioning and Blessing

One: The blessing of God, Source of Love, Creator of families, rest within our families.

All: The blessing of Jesus Christ, who accepts the least and the greatest, bringer of peace, securer of hope; encourage our family living.

One: May the blessing of the Holy Spirit bring inspiration to the downhearted, the will to work for good, and joy and challenge to our families.

All: God be praised!

Prayers of the People - Prayer Cycle 2023

May 14

Family Sunday

Rural Life Sunday

Grasslands (*Glentworth, Mankota, McCord*)

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