



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am, September 24, 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 leaders are Karen Mundt, Bev Diebert, Lisa Veer and Susan Neal. 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.

**Announcements and Celebration Box:
Congratulations to you. May the dear Lord bless you. May God’s special blessing descend upon you.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

May Christ’s light burn in each one of our hearts this day and always. (the Christ Candle is lit)

Acknowledging the Land

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 4 was signed and the territory wherein this service is taking place, and our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. May we continue to work towards learning the truths and being active participants in reconciliation.

Call to Worship

Creator, you call us to discern a good path together.
In this time of worship reveal once again, the path you wish us to follow. May our steps hold fast to your paths, by whatever route we have followed to be here, so that our feet do not slip. For your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Hymn: MV #142 - Oh a Song Must Rise

Opening Prayer

**Exuberant Spirit of God,
bursting with the brightness of flame
into the coldness of our lives
to warm us with a passion for justice and beauty,
we praise you.**

**Exuberant Spirit of God,
sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy
to breathe vitality into our struggles for change,
we praise you.**

**Exuberant Spirit of God,
speaking words that leap over barriers of mistrust
to convey messages of truth and new understanding,
we praise you.**

**Exuberant Spirit of God,
flame, wind, speech,
burn, breathe, speak in us;
fill your world with justice and with joy. Amen.**

(Jan Berry, Bread of Tomorrow edited by Janet Morl)

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 6:4-12

Mathew 5:1-12

Reflection

Lisa Veer, Susan Neal and Karen Mundt report on the Regional Meeting held in May of 2023

Hymn: MV #115 - Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Minute for Mission

Hymn: VU #958 – Halle, Halle, Halle

Offering

Friends, God has gifted us with many things with the expectation that we would share them with others. It is with



thankful hearts that we have the ability of sharing the gifts we have. Receive these gifts, bless them, and help us to use them bring peace, justice, and love into this aching world. Amen

Prayer of the People

Creator God, be with us as we feed those who are hungry, care for those who are sick, comfort those who are mourning or homeless.

Be with us as we work for inclusion and justice of all people regardless of culture, gender identity, mental wellness, or economic status.

Be with us as we work towards peace in our homes, our communities, and the world.

Be with us as we stand up for those who are bullied or oppressed, those who live in abusive situations and those who many see as least.

May our work here on earth never falter and may we continue to be agents of love in this aching world.

We pray this in Jesus' name who shared his prayer so that we can say together.....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 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.

Closing Hymn: MV #216 - Wherever You May Go

Commissioning and Blessing

May we go into the world as God's children,
To see justice, bestow compassion, share kindness
And offer our love.

May the blessing of the Holy Mystery be with us,
May the light of Christ shine within us for all to see,
And May the Spirit guide us from here and into the world.

We go with love and peace,
Amen