



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am, October 1, 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 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:

Treaty Acknowledgement:

Announcements and Celebrations:

Celebration Box:

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

Acknowledgement of the Already Lit Candle



Opening Prayer

One: God of desert days and wilderness nights,

***All: we rest in the comfortable space of your presence,
and we trust the words and actions that tell the story of
who we are and from where we have come.***

One: We thank you for the abundance of your gifts, and for

the blessing of the unexpected.

All: *Surprise us here again, O God. Amen.*

Hymn: VU # 405 New *every morning is the love*

- **Scripture Readings:**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 78 (VU p. 792)

Matthew 21: 23-32

Reflection: *Complain, complain, complain!*

Hymn: VU # 222 Come *let us sing*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Karen Mundt presiding)

Communion Service for Worldwide Communion Day INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Holy One is here.

All: God is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good and right to give your thanks and praise, O God of many names. we praise you, saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God,

Power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

LEADER: By remembering Jesus in this way now, we claim

our common heritage as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LEADER:

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit, may become signs of new life to one another and to all people of the earth. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours everywhere, now and forever. AMEN

With Jesus we pray together saying:

ALL: Mother/Father, who art in heaven.

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins 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 forever and ever. AMEN

LEADER: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life,

whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The gifts of God for the people of God,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE END (of communion)

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU # 706 Give thanks for life

Benediction

May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness -- guide us and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.

Recessional music

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

Prayers of the People

Prayer Cycle 2023

October 1

Regina Native Outreach Ministry

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Rosetown

Regina: St. James

Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity

Latest news from St. Andrews:

Donations:

Attendance September 24 - 48

Local: \$557.92

Other donations:

M & S: \$51.70

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www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUnitedChurchMooseJaw

Announcements:

We will be having a congregational meeting following the service on October 15th to vote on the collaborative agreement with Minto.

If you would like to contribute towards the painting and upgrades to our beautiful building, you may e-transfer to st.andrews.mj@sasktel.net or add it to your envelopes today!

The lunch for John Howard participants has resumed. It is on Thursdays from 11am until 1pm. See Karen Mundt or Sandra Fowler if you want to help. Cookies and goodies are always welcome!

The United Church of Canada calendars are now available! See Cheryl to get yours! \$10 each.

Sponsor a bulletin cover! The dates & suggested covers are in the Narthex. \$7.50 for each week.

I love You and It Hurts – Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30pm A presentation brought to Regina (Sunset United Church – 177 Sunset Dr.) by Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Theatre of the Beat has developed three short plays that reflect lived experience of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in your relationships, with a focus on how to recognize the subtle early signs of abuse. For more information about them, see: www.theatreofthebeat.ca . Admission is by donation.

Equipping the saints: Do you feel called to walk with others when they are facing difficult circumstances? Do you have a gift for listening and practicing compassion? Join Emily Carr, chaplain with the North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy, Lorna King, chaplain with the South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy, and Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister for Living Skies, for an afternoon of learning and sharing wisdom for the

task of lay pastoral visiting. You will learn practical tips for visiting both within and outside health care facilities, understanding your boundaries, and navigating the SHA system. This learning opportunity will be on Thursday, October 12, 1-4pm over Zoom. To register, contact Bev Diebert at bdiebert@united-church.ca.

Canadian Centre for Christian Charities' Webinar
October 25th at 2:00 pm-3:00 pm EST Join CCCC on Zoom for their next webinar: **Three Ways a Small Church Can Be an Effective Church** on Small churches can be strong, healthy, and effective! In this CCCC webinar, Karl Vaters, author of *The Grasshopper Myth* will share the three main principles behind effective small churches: 1.) Realize you can be effective; 2.) Discover how small churches function differently from big churches and 3.) Understand and use the unique DNA of your small church for God's glory. This webinar is perfect for ministers and elders at small churches; denominational officials; family members of small church pastors; or anyone with a desire to deepen their understanding of small churches and how to participate in their flourishing. Registration is free but you have to enter your CRA Charity number.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DGBAxb6MQw2Umn52dpA4Og#/registration

Rural Ministry Town Hall, Monday October 30 (and the last Monday of every month), afternoon. All are welcome to this ongoing series of open space and focused conversation on topics near and dear to rural and remote ministries. Please note that you need a free account to sign for the whole series, and then you'll get reminders sent to your own email.
<https://churchx.ca/enrol/link2enrol/form.php?id=119>

St. Andrew's College "Year of Intention" – save the dates!

Over the course of the upcoming academic year, St. Andrew's (along with our Saskatoon Theological Union partners) will be hosting a series of evening online sessions, from 7:30-9pm Sask time, on Wed Oct 11, Mon Nov 27, Thurs Feb 8, and Tues Mar 9 ... culminating in an Affirming Re-Commitment Service (date tba) to mark 15 years as an Affirming Ministry ... Huzzah!!! Our first session (Wed Oct 11) will be focussed on the history of Affirm (and the Lutheran "Reconciling in Christ" program), and what it has meant for our College. For more details, contact shawn.sanfordbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca

KAIROS Prairies North annual gathering Saturday Oct 28 from 11am – 4pm in Lloydminster (and online). Come and explore the timely theme of "Energy for Change" and find out ways you can get involved! More details and registration links here: [You're invited! Oct 28 KAIROS Annual Gathering "Energy for Change"](#) (kairoscanada.org)

Updated slightly: Registration Open!! Daring Justice: Western Intercultural Ministries Network Conference, 19-21 October, at Star of the North Retreat Centre, St Albert AB, Treaty Six. All are welcome to our first in-person gathering since 2019! Theme: Daring Justice: intercultural and decolonizing lenses on truth and reconciliation. Song and worship, speakers, workshops, and lots of time for visiting and telling stories are all in the plans. October 21 we will join Northern Spirit Regional Council at their Celebration of Ministries service and Affirming celebration. [Intercultural Ministry - Northern Spirit Regional Council \(northernspiritrc.ca\)](#)

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism: October 10-December 1 2023 There's brand-new content coming for this year's 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. In addition to the daily written content that will be posted online, a dynamic set of speakers will be sharing their insights on Tuesdays. The speakers will explore these diverse themes: race shifting; anti-racist and decolonial theologies; raising anti-racist children; environmental racism; countering antisemitism; intergenerational Asian voices; and copyright justice and musical misappropriation. There's no cost for the online events! You can register for all of the live events on ChurchX. Consider signing up for the 40 Days newsletter to stay up-to-date on all of the developments related to the 40 Days for this year!

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Who Do You Say That I Am? Wednesdays, 2-4:00 pm CST, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6 A five-part course by Don Schweitzer, offered in person (\$95) or on Zoom (\$75) at Queen's House of Retreats, tracing how

[Christians and some others have understood who Jesus is and the reasons for this, moving through the New Testament, early church debates and then to the present, looking at gains and losses that have occurred along the way. For more information: https://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Who-Do-You-Say-That-I-Am-November-2023.pdf](https://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Who-Do-You-Say-That-I-Am-November-2023.pdf)

Committee meetings
UCW – 1st Wednesday @ 2 pm
Outreach – 2nd Thursday @ 4pm
Worship – 3rd Friday bi-monthly @ 9:30am

Weekly Schedule			
Moose Jaw Scouting	Social Hall	Monday	5:00pm
Yoga in Moose Jaw	Chapel	Monday Thursday	6:30pm
Crazy Happy Zumba	Social Hall	Tuesday Thursday	6:30pm
Line Dancing	Social Hall	Wednesday	10:00am
Bible Study	Ministers' office	Wednesday	10:00am
Easy Does It (AI Anon)	Lounge & Court	Wednesday	7:00pm
Hi-Steppers (A.A.)	Lounge & Court	Friday	7:00pm
Yoga with Sue	Chapel	Wednesday Tues./Thurs.	4:30pm 9:30am
OSI-CAN	Harmony Room	Tuesday	7:00pm
Choir practice	Harmony Room	Wednesday	6:45pm
MJ Chinese Christians	Lounge & Court	Sunday	2:00pm

