





Welcome to  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30am, October 8, 2023  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## **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 and the members of Council. 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.**

## **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 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**

**The sun rises and it is light; night falls and it is dark.**

Bless the One who gives the life.

**Sow the seed and cut the corn;  
bear the child and build the house.**

Bless the One who gives the life.

**Lay the stone and light the fire;  
cast the net and water the earth.**

Bless the One who gives the life.

**Serve the guest and pay the price;  
cut the wood and pick the flowers.**

Bless the One who gives the life.

**Make the wine and bake the bread;  
pour the wine and break the bread.**

Bless the One who gives the life.

*(Iona Community)*

**HYMN:** VU#222 - Come Let Us Sing

## **OPENING PRAYER**

- **SCRIPTURE:**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Luke 7: 11-19

**These are our words from Scripture,**

May God bless our understanding.

**HYMN:** VU#567 - Will You Come and Follow Me

**REFLECTION** – Gratitude for All Things

**HYMN:** VU#218 – We Praise You O God

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**HYMN:** VU#958 - Halle, Halle, Halle

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Creating God, we thank you for the gift that is life: for the changing seasons, for the tiny seeds that in your Holy Mystery become life-sustaining food, cleansed air, beauty to behold, and life itself.**

We thank you for the gift of life.

**Loving God, we thank you for the gift of family, friends, and community – those who know us so well that they know when to hold our hand and when to let go. We thank you for those people who journey with us in our times of joy and especially in our times of sorrow.**

We thank you for the gift of love.

**Compassionate God, we thank you for holding us in troubling times. We pray for those who are journeying through illness, awaiting medical diagnosis, those with life-threatening and degenerative diseases. We know that we do not journey alone but that you are always with us.**

We thank you for the gift of compassion.

**Challenging God, we thank you for writing your law upon our hearts so that we are called to seek justice and to love kindness. Thank you for moving us to action and challenging us to be your hands and feet in a world so desperately in need of healing.**

We thank you for the gift of challenge.

**God of all time and place, we thank you for the gifts of life, love, compassion, and challenge. Help us to know that each small individual action together with another's can make a difference to the world and make a world of difference. May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.**

We thank you for the gift of our call to discipleship.

**Let us join our hearts, minds and voices together as we pray the prayer our Saviour taught .... (Cheryl Curtis and Faith March-MacCuish "Prayers of the People" in Sunday 3 Worship in *We Sing Thanksgiving* (Called to**

**Be the Church, program for 2017-2018) page 81. Used with permission.)**

Our mother / father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**HYMN: VU#506 – Take My Life and Let It Be**

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

**Our worship is over, but now our service begins. We are called to go and live God's love in the world.**

We go in faith and in hope to feed Christ's sheep and care for Christ's lambs.

**Go in peace, and may the love of God embrace us, the compassion of Christ challenge us, and the Holy Spirit guide us.**

Amen

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*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 8**

**Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry**

*Radville (Ceylon, Minton-Gladmar, Radville)*

Shell Lake Partners in Worship (SM)

## **Latest news from St. Andrews:**

### Donations:

Attendance October 1 - 28

Local: \$1077.97

### Other donations:

M & S: \$89.70

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[www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUnitedChurchMooseJaw](http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUnitedChurchMooseJaw)

## **Announcements:**

**We will be having a congregational meeting following the service on October 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

**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](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca).

### **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](mailto: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" \(kairoscanada.org\)](https://www.kairoscanada.org)

**Western Intercultural Ministries Network Conference 2023**, 19-21 October, St Albert AB, Treaty Six, at Star of the North retreat centre. All are welcome to our first in-person gathering since 2019! Theme to be announced, but it will carry our commitment to being intercultural practitioners in

ministry together, uniting perspectives and lived experiences that carry racial, gender, abilities, and sexual diversity. Who is WIMN? [Intercultural Ministry - Northern Spirit Regional Council \(northernspiritrc.ca\)](http://InterculturalMinistry-NorthernSpiritRegionalCouncil.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!

**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](http://www.theatreofthebeat.ca) . Admission is by donation.

**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](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>

**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 \(northernspiritrc.ca\)](http://northernspiritrc.ca)

[Who Do You Say That I Am? Wednesdays, 2-4:00 pm CST, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6](https://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Who-Do-You-Say-That-I-Am-November-2023.pdf) 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>

**Committee meetings**

UCW – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 4pm

Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (Al 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