





Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship  
at St. Andrew's United  
February 25, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.



### Mission Statement

St. Andrew's United Church is a progressive worshipping community dedicated to spiritual growth, caring, and inclusivity, that provides outreach to the community and the world.

**Worship Leader:** Lisa Veer

**Pianist:** Hannah Elich

**Choir Director:** Jenna Nash

**Welcome and passing of the peace** (Song: *Good Day - Liahona* and *Strive to Be*)

### Announcements and Celebrations

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service in the Lounge and Court.

#### **Celebration Box...**

Congratulations to you. May the dear Lord bless you.

May God's special blessing descend upon you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle



## Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, God our Maker.

All: Weave us into one, Sweet Saviour of all,  
that being close to you we might understand  
your intentions for our lives.

Leader: Weave us into one; a beautiful tapestry of  
life.

All: That living your ways, we will create and  
build communities of faith and peace.

Leader: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal.

All: That treasuring the past, we will boldly  
shape the future you designed for us.

Leader: Weave us into one beautiful whole,  
Dearest God.

All: That women, men, and children together  
may be evidence of your presence, the weavers  
of your communities, and the witnesses to your  
creation. Gather us in your welcoming arms that  
we might bolster our strength to live according  
to your purpose.

**Opening Hymn:** VU 589, *Lord, Speak to Me*

### **Opening Prayer:**

God, I ask you to open our minds and hearts to your  
guiding and loving voice. Free us from the pull of a  
materialistic world that distracts us from your purpose.  
Remove the darkness that shadows our sight and clouds  
our minds, preventing us from being authentically yours.  
Help us to walk on the path to your divine love, and to  
repent when we lose our way. Guide us faithfully into  
your love and your ways.

**Hymn:** VU 595 *We are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*



**Scripture Readings (Diane Milton Smith)**

Today's readings will be a collection of verses from various parts of the Bible. Each verse will be accompanied by a prayer.

Proverbs 29:18

Jeremiah 29: 11

Proverbs 19:21

James 1:5

1 Thessalonians 5:24

**Response:**

One: These are our words from scripture.

**All: May God bless our understanding and reflection on God's words.**

**Hymn:** VU 578 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

**Reflection:** What is our purpose in life?

**Song:** *I Can Only Imagine* (Performed by Mat and Savanna Shaw, but written by Mercy Me)

**Minute for Mission (Diane Milton Smith)**

**Song:** *Blessings* - Laura Story

**Blessing and Closing**

**Song:** Stay - Big Daddy Weave

***Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2024***

**February 25**

World Day of Prayer (March 1)

Dundurn, Hanley

Elrose

File Hills

Our thanks to Megan Nash for sponsoring this bulletin cover!

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

**Latest news from St. Andrews:**

Donations:

Attendance February 11 - 41

Local: \$683

Other donations:

M & S: \$13

PAR - Monthly - \$1126.50, M&S - \$120.00

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## **Announcements:**

**Envelopes:** Unfortunately, we must order a minimum of 25 and I only have 7 requested. I am unable to order more. Please use the blank envelopes in the Narthex and write your number on them. Thank you!

**Outreach** has received a large donation of yarn and is offering it to anyone who wants to make things for the Mitten Tree at Christmas time. Please see Cheryl in the office to grab some. Thanks!

## **World Day of Prayer**

The UCW are hosting the Service is on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

**NEW:** Jordan Cantwell, our new Growth Animator has a letter of invitation for the Lenten Season.

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Lent-as-a-season-of-invitation.pdf>

**NEW:** Lenten liturgy for Palestine and Israel In recent years, some congregations have started a new tradition; extinguishing candles on Sundays through Lent. This dimming of light during the season of Lent reminds people that this 40-day journey is leading to the cross of Good Friday. The Worship Group for the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) sees a connection between the journey to Good Friday and the journey of the Palestinian people. At the same time, we recognize and need to acknowledge that, in the West, we have been complicit in the ongoing discrimination towards

Palestinians and the destruction of their culture, their land and their people. The Lenten Candle Liturgy contains stories, historical information, images and prayers. We humbly offer this resource for any to use as they see fit in worship or in other devotional practice.

[https://mcusercontent.com/7f4ab9a5a57204972eba6a8cf/files/a17d45b0-4083-0337-30f3-7e0d9f96bc39/Lenten\\_Candles\\_Liturgy\\_2024\\_UNJPPI.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/7f4ab9a5a57204972eba6a8cf/files/a17d45b0-4083-0337-30f3-7e0d9f96bc39/Lenten_Candles_Liturgy_2024_UNJPPI.pdf)

**NEW:** Give it up for the Earth! 2024 runs from February 14 to March 28. The climate crisis demands action and Give it up for the Earth! makes it easy for you to make a difference. This national ecumenical Lenten campaign empowers Canadians to reduce emissions, embrace ecospirituality, and demand bolder climate action from the government. Visit the campaign website for more information, resources, and to register your community of faith.

**NEW:** You're invited: In person discernment for our new Affirming Committee: March 12, Calvary United Church, Prince Albert or by Zoom. In May, Living Skies voted to become Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Affirming. To carry this work into the future, the Region needs to move from an interim task group to a longer-term committee, and for that, people with a passion for this work of public, intentional, and explicit commitment are needed and welcome. Come out in person or online and discern with the Affirming task group to see if you're called to help Living Skies live into its commitments. Please contact Justice Minister Julie Graham for details,

[jgraham@united-church.ca](mailto:jgraham@united-church.ca)

**NEW:** Save the date - Sask. UCCW AGM and Gathering - Saturday, April 27, 2024 The Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women AGM and Gathering will be held on Saturday April 27 2024 at St. David's Trinity United Church in Saskatoon. Details to follow.

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

Choir practice - Sundays 9:30 a.m.

