





Welcome to  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m., September 8th, 2024



## 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.”

Neil Colmin has prepared your service today. Karen Purdy and Hannah Elich take turns 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.**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service!

## Announcements:

### Celebration Box:

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

### Lighting of the Christ Candle:

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



## **Announcements and Celebrations**

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### **Call to Worship:**

With joy and delight we gather to praise our Holy God! With reverence and awe, we approach our Gracious God.

**We give thanks that God understands us, and does not want us to be that which we were never created to become!**

Creating God, you call us to worship you as your children, made in your image, with a divine spark within each of us.

**We give thanks that God understands us, and encourages us to grow in our knowledge of God's awesome holiness.**

Glorious God, you invite us to sink our roots deep into your love and holiness, and to grow stronger each day in our faith in you.

**We give thanks that God understands us, and that the fruits we bear are consistent with what God created us to become. We gather to worship and praise our supporting and caring God. Amen.**

**Hymn: MV#25 Breath of God, Breath of Peace**

**Children's/Young at Heart Time**

## **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (All):**

It is too easy, God for faith to become an escape, a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive; or a path to success, a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want; or a system of control, a way to bend others to our will.

But the faith you offer is different, Jesus, more dangerous and compelling; It's the faith that carries the cross, that embraces death and lays itself down for the sake of others; It's the only faith that can lead us to resurrecton to life renewed and overflowing.

**We praise you for this faith, God, and we as you open our hearts to receive it.**

As we prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness. Let us pray together the way Jesus taught saying:

***We pray to you who is our Mother and our 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen***

## **Scripture Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading            Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:        Psalm 1 (VU page 724)

Gospel:                Luke 14: 25-33

**Response:**

These are our words from scripture.  
May God bless our understanding.

**Reflection:** Faith Forged

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

**Offertory Prayer & Dedication:**

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is,  
there will our hearts be also.

In this hour, we come bringing our treasures, all that  
we have and all that we are.

We come seeking your treasure, treasure that does  
not fade, decay, or disappoint.

**O God, you provide us so many wonderful gifts  
that make our lives worth living. The gifts of  
family and friends, the gifts of love and laughter,  
the gift of your son Jesus. As humble servants it  
is right that we should show our gratitude and  
give back. May the gifts of our time, talent and  
treasure be used for God's work and glory.**

**Amen**

**Minute for Mission**

**Response Hymn:** MV #136 When Hands Reach  
Out and Fingers Trace

**Prayers of the People:**

**Final Hymn: VU #560 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee**

**Blessing and Sending:**

God has placed before us life & death, blessings & curses. Therefore, choose life, follow God's way. Let us be a people of reconciliation and integrity. **Let our "yes" be "yes" and our "no" be "no".**

In all the paths we walk may God hold us steady and close. May Christ Jesus bless us and every place we enter. And may the Holy Spirit give us length of days and fullness of life.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen**

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

Our thanks to **Karen Mundt** for sponsoring this bulletin cover!

**Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2024  
September 8**

Springwater

Spy Hill

Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's

Yorkton: St. Andrew's

Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity

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

Attendance September 1 - 31

Local: \$ N/A

Other donations:

M & S: \$ N/A

PAR – Monthly - \$1295.00, M&S - \$145.00

**NEW:** Weekly expenditures - \$1354.76

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## **Announcements:**

The office is now on reduced hours. There is a calendar posted on the door with the hours for each week. Thank you for your patience.

### **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.

## Weekly Schedule

Moose Jaw Scouting	Social Hall	Monday Friday/Sunday	Bi-weekly 5:00pm
Yoga in Moose Jaw	Chapel	Mon.  Thurs.	6:00pm
Youth group w/Lisa	Chapel	Sunday Tues.	1:00pm 7:00pm
Crazy Happy Zumba	Social Hall	Tues.  Thur.	5:00pm
Bible study	Lounge	Wednesday	10:00am
Quilter's Guild	Sunday school room	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00pm
Easy Does It (Al-Anon)	Lounge	Wednesday	7:00pm
Movement with Sue	Chapel	Wednesday	5:30pm
Hi-Steppers (A.A.)	Lounge	Fri.	7:00pm
Chinese Christians	Lounge	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Enough is enough (N/A)	Lounge  Chapel	Sun., Mon., Tues. Thurs. Friday	7:00 p.m.
Amissih group	Chapel	Sunday	3:00 p.m.