





Welcome to  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m., May 25, 2025



## **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 Sheila Leahy. Jenna Nash leads the choir with Karen Purdy and Hannah Elich taking turns on the piano/organ; 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!**

**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.

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

**Call to Worship:** Acknowledging Our Kinship

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse,

united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.**

One: It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

**All: Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives it is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.**

One: And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

**All: Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.**

One: Let us take time to name the peoples of this land now. I invite you to speak out loud or in silence the local people(s) who traditionally and still call these lands home. If you are aware of the status of Indigenous claims to this land (*unceded, treaty, etc.*), please name this too (*the people speak the names...*).

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** M. V. - 92- Like a Rock (sung 2 x )

**Opening Prayer:** Holy One, you are our rock,  
a foundation upon which we stand.

**Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep, abiding presence.**

**Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live with care and compassion for self, friend, and neighbour.**

**Bless us now as we reflect on our relations with Indigenous peoples—our kin—  
as diverse yet united peoples. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** M. V. - 135 – Called by Earth and Sky

### **Scripture Readings:**

Genesis 1:26-27 – Humans shall have “dominion”

Matthew 22:34-40 – You shall love your neighbour as yourself

### **Response:**

One: These are our words from Scripture.

**All: May God bless our understanding. Amen.**

**Reflection:** Finding Neighbours Everywhere

**\*Hymn:** V. U. - 701- What Does the Lord Require of You  
– Sung 2 x

### **Minute for Mission:**

### **Prayers of the People:**

**\*Hymn:** V. U. - 691 – Thou Ancient Walls

## **Blessing and Sending:**

One: As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become neighbours to each other and to the earth.

**All: For in Christ we are all kin. We are called to be neighbours, to share generously with each other.**

One: As we learn more, respect more, love more, we all can gain, not lose!

**All: God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be our guides.**

***This service was Read Sherman's who is minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.***

***Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship service.***

*Please remember that St. Andrew's United is "Scent-Free".*

## **Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2025**

**June 22**

**Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27)**

**Pelly**

**Pine Cree (Eastend, Shaunavon-closing)**

**Plainsview (Grand Coulee)**

## **Announcements:**

***St Andrews United Church, Moose Jaw Closing Service is being Held June 29th, 2025 at 2pm Guest Minister/Worship Leader Jim Tenford. Service Followed by Refreshments and a time of Fellowship Everyone Welcome***

***If You Want your PAR Payments Cancelled you Must  
let Heather in the office Know before July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Requests Can be sent by Email. Phone or In Person***

***If you Want A certificate to Transfer your  
Membership Please See Heather In the office***

***Church Office Hours are Posted on the Office Door***

**Latest news from St. Andrews:**

**Local: \$ 200.00**

**M & S: \$20.00**

**PAR – Monthly - \$825.00, M&S - \$120.00**

**Weekly expenditures: \$884.00**

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