





Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m., April 28, 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.”

Sandra Fowler has prepared your service today, with guest speaker Colleen Taylor from the Regina Anti Poverty Ministry. 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!**

Welcomes, Announcements, Celebration Box

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Christ candle is lit as a reminder of the light of Christ given to us all, a symbol of God’s presence each and every day.

**For the light of Christ within us and around us, thanks
be to God!**

Call to Worship

Our God is preparing a feast for all people;
A wonderful banquet with vintage wine and gourmet food,
The choicest meats and lavish desserts

And the whole world is invited.

And God will wipe away the tears from every face,
And lift the despair from every heart.
And together God's people will proclaim:
This is our God, in whom we place our trust!
Let us rejoice in the good news God brings!

Opening Prayer:

God, you are generous and just. We have come to this place to know you, to grow in faith, and to strengthen our ties to one another. Help us to move beyond complacency to passion. Help us move beyond concern to outrage against injustice. Help us to deepen our commitment to your values of peaceful living, abundant generosity, and fullness of life for all beings that live. Amen

HYMN: MV 178 Who Is My Mother?



Scripture Readings

Micah 6:6-8

Matthew 25: 31-40

Anthem: "The Solid Rock"

Guest Speaker: Regina Anti Poverty Ministry

HYMN: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Mission and Service Stories: Jesus Started Sharing (Tune VU #289 It Only Takes A Spark)

A long, long time ago when Jesus started sharing
The people learned from him that they should go on caring
That's how Christ's church began, then-
With his self-giving
Christ gave himself, for everyone
And life and love to all.
We carry on for Christ by living in his Spirit,

Through M & S we give; we're blessed to be a blessing.
So many lives are changed by gifts
We've given freely.
Like Jesus Christ, we sacrifice
To keep his love alive.
Friends in Christ recall, why we come together.
We're not here for ourselves, but sharing Jesus' vision.
Through M & S we have a Clear path in mission.
To give our help to those in need, to get his word around.
Rev Dan Yourkevich, Courtice, Ont. Used with permission.

Offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

Loving God, giver of every gift, creator of all.

Accept these, our gifts, as symbols of our gratitude to you. Bless our gifts that they may be used faithfully by our partners around the world to bring your hope and your love to all. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 509 Here I am Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Creator God, we give you thanks for the wonders of the earth: the blue sky, shining lakes, singing robins, gentle deer and swaying trees. All of creation sings your praise.

We thank you, Holy God.

We give you thanks for your many gifts. Some we think of today include the love of family and friends, challenges that help us grow, our thirst for justice and peace and the abundance of our land.

We thank you, Holy God.

We thank you for the richness of your grace within our United Church: you inspire our storytellers and justice seekers, teachers and learners, people who pray and others who preach, our caretakers and church board, our seekers and vision keepers, children and elders and everyone in

between.

We thank you, Holy God.

We thank you for your call to share with others. You give us ears to listen, hearts to be moved for compassion, and a hunger for better ways. We thank you because we are not alone.

We thank you, Holy God.

We pray for all who work to end suffering and those who care for the poor or sick.

May your love abound through us.

We pray for all those who face injustice and oppression. We pray for those facing war or crime, floods and droughts. We pray for the men and women, young and old, who face impossible circumstances, because of who they are or where they live, and we pray for all those people who spends their days listening to those difficult stories and caring for those with little hope.

May your love abound through us.

We pray for ourselves, for our families and our friends: touch our loneliness, embrace our suffering, ease our uncertainty. Help us to allow you to lead us into greater faith, and through that faith into action. We remember the prayer that Jesus taught us: **Our Mother and Father.... Amen.**

HYMN: MV 209 Go Make a Difference

Benediction:

May we always be hungry for righteousness;

May we overcome injustices that bring about hunger!

May we always be hungry for peace;

May we overcome insecurity, suffering and displacement!

May we always yearn to care for each other and the environment;

May the earth remain abundant for all creation!

Commissioning

Let us leave this worship knowing we are not alone:
With God's love, we are a people of faith and courage.
Partnering with others, we offer God's love and hope
Let all we do, be done with the Spirit of Jesus the Christ.

Amen

Choral Amen

Source: *Building our House* A Mission and Service Worship
Outline
Gathering Pentecost 2 2017

***Our thanks to Marlene McBain 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".*

Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2024

April 28

Saskatchewan Camps /Camp Sunday (April 28)

Kelliher: St. Paul

Kindersley: St. Paul's

Kipling

Regina: Knox Metropolitan

Latest news from St. Andrews:

Attendance April 14 - 37

Local: \$ 925.00

Other donations:

M & S: \$37.00

PAR – Monthly - \$1170.00, M&S - \$120.00

**Please see Cheryl if you want to start donating through
PAR or increase you monthly donation for 2024.**

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Announcements:

We need more people to do security for Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thanks!

NEW: A Fairer Canada: A Guaranteed Livable Income for All - Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00 pm ET Hosted by The United Church of Canada Guaranteed Livable Income network. The time is ripe to implement a guaranteed livable income (GLI) in Canada – but there's still hesitation, politically, socially and spiritually. On April 30, join members of The United Church of Canada's national network on GLI to investigate why, to situate GLI advocacy in a wider context of fairness, and to find ways forward towards a livable income for all. Register and receive the zoom link: [A Fairer Canada: A Guaranteed Livable Income for All](#).

NEW: Rethink Children and Youth Ministry: and Online Summit May 20 – 24, 2024 Hey all you awesome people involved in working with kids and youth - this online conference looks REALLY GOOD and it's FREE! It's the week of May 20-24 and there will be online content all day. Sign up and take in a session or two or grab your coffee and snacks and settle in for the whole week!
<https://convergencecolab.org/.../rethink-children-and...> I'm familiar with several of the speakers (including Sarah Bessey and Brian McLaren) and can't wait to hear from some new voices as well. If you're in the Saskatoon area and would like to join me in person to go online, please be in touch and I'll bring the snacks! Sent an email to Lindsay Mohn at LivingSkiesYaya@united-church.ca .

NEW: Exhale Together retreat, May 24-26, 2024, Queen's House, Saskatoon. Hosted by Mennonite Central Committee Sask, this is a trauma-informed retreat for reconciliation and anti-racism practitioners, developed in response to the toll practitioners carry due to the trauma-exposed nature of this work. United Church people warmly invited. In addition to

offering space for rest and rejuvenation, it equips practitioners with information and tools to do this work sustainably through guided peer-based learning.

NEW: Are you from a church without a minister? Are you a member of a search team and looking for your next ministry personnel? Are you a pastoral relations liaison? If so, we would like to an hour-long Open House with the Admission Matching Committee through Zoom on Sunday April 21st at 4 pm EST. April 17, 2024 Rambler - News #3 The Admission Matching Committee is part of a pilot project to bridge the gap between Ministers who are available and excited to work in The United Church of Canada and Communities of Faith who need a minister. As a follow-up to two previous Open Houses where we provided an overview of the program, this Open House will provide you with an opportunity to meet the four ministers still seeking a match through this program and to ask any questions you might have. This information should be relevant to search team members and pastoral relations liaisons, regardless of whether or not you attended one of our previous programs. To register for this free program, please send your name, location, email, and reason for registering to Beverly at btyhurst@united-church.ca.

Committee meetings

UCW – 1st Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2nd Thursday @ 4pm

Worship – 3rd Friday bi-monthly @ 9:30am

Choir practice – Sundays 9:30 a.m.