

# **St. Andrew's River Heights United Church**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2017**



## Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love,  
with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace,  
learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit  
and being transformed by faith.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able,  
and join congregational responses in **bold print**.  
(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with  
hymns are available from the usher's table.)

### We Gather Together

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Fugue in E Minor

*J.S. Bach*

GREETING – God be with you. **And also with you.**

#### LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - Affirming/Lent

Prelude: Were You There - Martha Graham, piano

#### SPOKEN PRELUDE – Procession of the Lent 3 Symbol

Adapted from Gathering, Lent/Easter, pg 60

Written by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

#### \*OPENING HYMN: VU**559**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*NETTLETON*

### We Offer Ourselves to God

#### CENTERING PRAYER

#### WORDS OF GRACE

God forgives our thirst and quenches us by the Spirit.

God helps us to look beyond what is obvious to us,  
to see what is obvious to God.

**Jesus shares the grace-filled living water with all who care  
to drink. Thanks be to God.**

# COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH FOR GUATEMALA MISSION

## First Time Travelers

Vivian Adamson	Scott Maier
Jack Aime Cadieux	Emma Roche
Nick Colina	Joe McCallum
Matthew Duncan	Karen Jensen
Nicholas Maier	

## Second Timers

Adrienne Beaumont	Megan Fry
Deirdre Beaumont	Niels Hurst
Sam Duncan	

## Chaperones (\*first time)

Christine Adamson *	Lorne Hurst
Paul Cadieux	Eric Jensen*
Ron Maier*	Karen Lumley
Pat McCallum	Stuart Roche
Elly Hoogterp-Hurst	

\*HYMN: MV**87**

Water Flowing from the Mountain

*J. Hannah*

## We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING:

read by Diane Bewell

John 4:5-42 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman

ANTHEM: “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring”

*Text: Robert Bridges*

*Music: J.S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of our desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright.

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned.  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings.  
Where the flock in Thee confiding  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs of beauty's fairest pleasure,  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own,  
In the love of joys unknown.

## MESSAGE

### \*HYMN: MV117

By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

*RESPLENDENT*

### We Offer Our Gifts to God

## OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

Adagio (from Occasional Oratorio)

*G.F. Handel*

### \*DOXOLOGY: VU540

**Grant Us, God, the Grace**

*STUTT GART*

Grant us, God the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

## We Go Forth in Faith

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### \*CLOSING HYMN: VU**702**

When a Poor One

*EL CAMINO*

#### \*BLESSING

#### \*BENEDICTION: MV**172** (vs 4)

*GOD SAYS*

##### **God Says**

God says, "Reach out!

The world's in need and wants a word, a song, a deed.

I send you forth to speak, to sing,  
to act for Christ in everything."

#### POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Minor – Marlon Goolcharan, organ

*J.S. Bach*

## Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you. You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.



## The Anthem This Week

German composer, Johann Sebastian Bach took a hymn tune by Johann Schop, and wove it into an arrangement which is one of the most well-known and best-loved pieces of sacred music. The winding, and somewhat complex organ accompaniment seems to surround the simple hymn tune. It was originally a movement from his cantata “Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben” (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life). The most common English version is a poem by English poet, Robert Bridges, which is not a translation of the text used by Bach. To ensure we use inclusive language, we have replaced “Jesu, joy of man’s desiring, by “Jesu, joy of our desiring”.

Because the reading tells of the Samaritan woman at the well, we are singing the second verse this week, as it refers to “deathless springs”.

## Worship in the Coming Weeks:

March 26 – Lent 4

April 2 – Lent 5 – Communion

April 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13 – Maundy Thursday @ 7:30pm

April 14 – Good Friday @ 10:30am



## Next Dates for Baptism

May 14/17 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## **Bible Study**

Every Friday morning from  
9:15-10:45am in the Lounge with a  
group of about 10 -12!



Scriptures for the coming weeks in Bible Study, or for your  
own study prior to worship....

**Lent 4:** John 9:1-41 – Jesus heals the man born blind

**Lent 5:** Ezekial 37:7-14 – The valley of the dry bones

John 11:1- 45 – The death of Lazarus



Stewardship  
Seconds

Stewards dream a holy vision of new  
relationship to God, to the earth, to all others.

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