

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

## 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.

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Baptism Sunday**

**May 14, 2017**



*We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship  
that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers  
in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree,  
Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation.  
As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land,  
and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able,  
and join congregational responses in **bold print**.  
(Listening aids and large print bulletins are available in the narthex.)

### We Gather Together

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prelude: Prelude on 'Beach Spring'

*D. Wood*

\*OPENING HYMN: VU**158**

Christ Is Alive

*TRURO*

### We Offer Ourselves to God

CENTERING PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

God calls us out of darkness into a marvelous light.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
hear and share the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God for this gift of grace. Amen**

CHILDRENS TIME

\*HYMN: VU**442**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

*BEACH SPRING*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

**Aria Joann McTavish Hughson**

Born September 28, 2016

Son of Chelsea McTavish and Curtis Hughson

INTRODUCTION (see purple insert)

POURING OF WATER - THE ACTION OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDLE ANOINTING – LAYING ON OF HANDS

WORDS OF WELCOME

**We welcome you as a member of God's family.**

**We welcome you with love that you may learn to love.**

**We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know  
whose you are.**

**You are a part of our family and will always find  
a welcome place here.**

PRAYER OF WELCOME

**...Will always know, in life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

PRESENT BAPTISMAL BLANKET

BLESSING – VU965 (sung)

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen**

*(Children may go to Sunday School following the Baptism)*

## We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

read by Linda Paul

Responsive Psalm 31 – My times are in your hands  
(VU758 - Part One & Part Three)

ANTHEM: "Have You Not Known?"

*Text: Isaiah 40: 21-31*

*Music: K. Lee Scott*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God  
dwells on high in starry splendour?  
His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

### Refrain

*They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up as eagles;  
they shall run and not grow weary;  
they shall walk and never faint.*

To whom will God the Lord compare? Who can stand his equal?  
By his word he formed the heavens,  
by his power he e'er sustains them.  
Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught.

### Refrain

Then, why complain, O Israel? Why downcast, O Jacob?  
Is your way now disregarded?  
His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure.

### Refrain

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God  
neither tires nor grows weary?  
E'en youths shall stumble helplessly,  
the young grow weak and faint.

### Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING

read by Linda Paul

John 14: 1-4 – Do not let your hearts be troubled.

In these words, there is hope for the world. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

\*HYMN: MV**83**

Let My Spirit Always Sing

*SPIRITSONG*

**We Offer Our Gifts to God**

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Voluntary in F

*E. Thiman*

\*DOXOLOGY: VU**540**

**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**660**

How Firm a Foundation

*ST DENIO*

\*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

Sonata

*Anonymous, 17th Century*

### **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**

The anthem by American composer, K. Lee Scott, is an adaptation of a section of the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah, perhaps the best known section of that book. The prophet Isaiah is speaking to the Israelites in the latter part of their captivity in Babylon, and here the prophet seeks to encourage them and strengthen their faith and resolution by providing, in vivid imagery, a picture of the awesome power of God.

**Special thanks this week to go to...**

the fabulous Fellowship Interest group for providing such a family friendly lunch last Sunday at the picnic!



**Worship in the Coming Weeks:**

May 21/17 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 28/17 – Led by the Worship Interest Group

June 4/17 – Communion – Pride Parade

**Bible Study**

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



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

**May 21/17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:**

John 14:15-21: The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you

1 Peter 3:13-22 – Do not repay evil for evil

Psalms 66:8-20 – God preserved us



Amid the struggle of our lives, God has loved us abundantly. We give thanks!

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