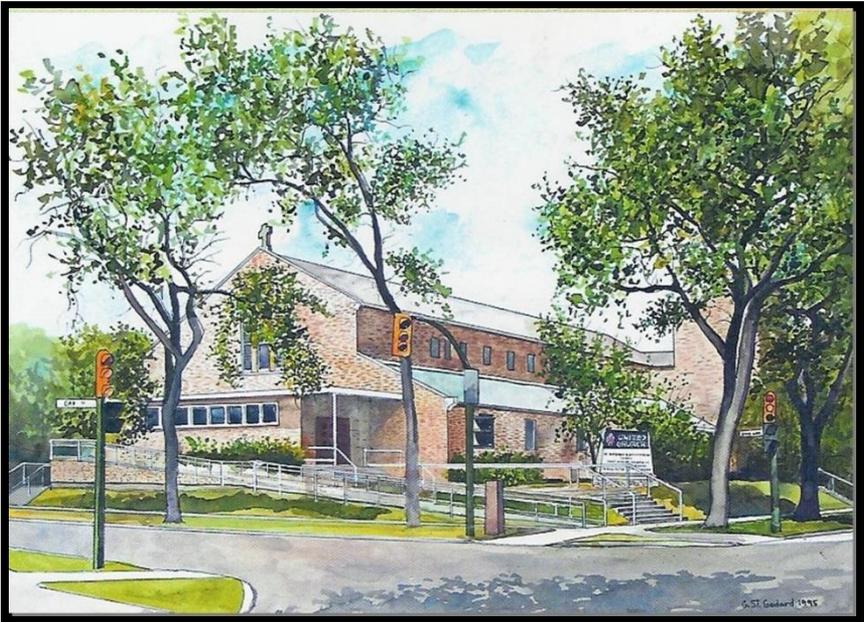


St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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 – God be with you! **And also with you!**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prelude: Interlude in G major

David McIntyre

*OPENING HYMN: VU**333**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

We Offer Ourselves to God

CENTERING PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

We are not left alone to struggle.

We have an advocate who is always with us.

You are not rejected.

God hears your prayers and offers love in all circumstances.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

*HYMN: VU**376**

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Children may go for Sunday School during the singing
of the last verse of the hymn.

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

read by Margaret Pratt

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

In this is hope for the world. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Text: John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father;
And He shall give you another comforter,
that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth.

MESSAGE

*HYMN: VU**378**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

We Offer Our Gifts to God

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Prelude on Down Ampney

John Beaver

*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**367**

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*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

Postlude on Hyfrydol

Healey Willan



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



The Handbell Choir will be sharing their gifts of music in the worship service next Sunday, May 28.

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.

Coffee after the service June 4 to September 3, 2017: The Fellowship Committee needs your help making coffee on Sunday mornings during the summer! Many people look for a new church family during the summer months and it is important to offer this friendly gesture. If you are available to help out with the summer schedule, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. There will be detailed instructions posted in the downstairs kitchen for making coffee and/or juice and information where everything can be found. Thank you!

Remits passed by St. Andrew's River Heights Service Team and Congregation: The Service Team and eight congregational members discussed and voted upon Remits 3 and 4 this past Tuesday evening. **Remit 3**, establishing a denominational office of vocation in the structure of the United Church was passed. **Remit 4**, asked if we would support a new funding model for the church which will encourage sharing of resources across the church, was also passed. If you would like to learn more about these remits, please look at www.united-church.ca/remits.

Special thanks this week to go to...

The Worship Interest Group for preparing and leading the worship service **next Sunday** while Karen and Cathy are at Conference weekend in Portage La Prairie. **Gord Shawcross** for coming up with a creative fix to a pipe drip in the church.



The Anthem This Week

The text of today's anthem is the reading for this Sunday from the gospel of John. Composer, Thomas Tallis's life spanned a remarkable century in the history of England, the reign of the Tudor dynasty. As a composer, following Henry VIII's break with Rome, he wrote music, and served in the Chapel Royal for some 40 years, under four monarchs with widely differing religious practices.

During the reign of Henry's son, Edward VI (1547-1553) it was mandated that the services be sung in English, and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." Although he returned to the practice of composing in Latin during the reign of the Catholic, Queen Mary, her successor, Elizabeth I restored the Anglican observance, and this piece, composed in 1565, is in English.

In "If ye love me", Tallis sets the opening statement in homophonic form, that is all parts stating the text at the same time. But he cannot resist setting the rest of the anthem in a more polyphonic form, with the parts interweaving independently. Like many early Anglican anthems, it is cast in ABB form, with the second section being repeated.

Worship in the Coming Weeks:

May 28/17 – Led by the Worship Interest Group

June 4/17 – Communion – Pride Parade



Love. Grow. Serve.

Bible Study

The Bible Study Interest Group had its last gathering this past Friday. We will resume after Thanksgiving in the Fall.

Please feel free to prepare yourself for worship on June 4th by reading Luke 24:13-35 – the Road to Emmaus

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