

**Pentecost/Communion Sunday**  
**Pride Parade Sunday**  
**June 4, 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**.

**We Gather Together**

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

The Spirit in me, meets the spirit in you. **Alleluia!**  
God's in us and we're in God. **Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN: VU**686**

*RHUDDLAN*

God of Grace and God of Glory

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prelude: Let Us Break Bread Together

*arr. Gordon Young*

**We Offer Ourselves to God**

CENTERING PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

\*HYMN: MV**10**

*MADELEINE*

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

## We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

*read by Martha Graham*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 – One Spirit; many gifts

May we drink of one Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

SOLO: Cynthia Wahl (flute)

MESSAGE

\*COMMUNION HYMN: VU**457**

*BEACH SPRING*

As We Gather at Your Table

## Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

CALL TO GIVE THANKS

May the Spirit of Pentecost touch you this day.

**And touch you, as well.**

May the fresh breeze of love fill your hearts.

**We open them to the Spirit who would overflow from our hearts.**

May the words of Pentecost offer you new songs.

**We will sing praise and thanksgiving to our God.**

THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

SONG OF CREATION

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Shattering Spirit.**

**All creation will sing until it has no more breath.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who stands in our midst speaking peace.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

## SHARING THE FEAST

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Most Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us;  
enkindle within us the fire of your Divine Love  
so that we can be re-created.**

**Inspire us with a sense of mission and commitment  
so that we, who have been baptized in the one Spirit,  
may, like the first disciples,  
be ready to share the gifts of the same Spirit,  
serving the local community and the Church.**

**We do this through Jesus the Christ,  
the Holy Spirit and our God, mother and father of all.  
AMEN.**

### We Offer Our Gifts to God

#### OFFERING

#### THE OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross

*arr. Dale Wood*

#### \*DOXOLOGY: VU540

**Grant Us, God, the Grace**

*STUTTGART*

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: VU481

*THE ASH GROVE*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#### \*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

March

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### 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



**Special thanks this week to go to...** the amazing choir and Worship Interest Group who prepared the service last weekend while Rev. Karen and Rev. Cathy were at Conference meetings in Portage la Prairie. Thanks also to those who shared their special connections with certain hymns: Linda Paul, Izzy and Jason Dyck, Hartley Stinson, Ruth McKenzie, Kelly McKeag, Rae Spears and Glenn Neufeld. The Handbell choir was an extra special treat as well!



Pentecost reminds us of the gift at the centre of our lives as we steward holy Energy!

## Worship in the Coming Weeks:

June 11 – Trinity Sunday – We celebrate Josh Ward's Commissioning to Diaconal ministry following worship

June 18 – Second after Pentecost

June 25 – Third after Pentecost

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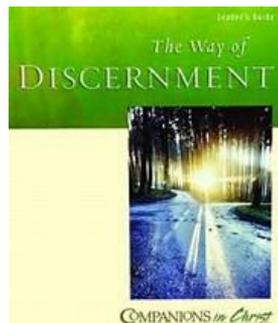
**Daily Bible Study:** Our regular Friday morning Bible study has come to an end for the summer season. If you would still like to prepare for Sunday worship, please have a look at:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 – Agree with one another; live in peace; Trinity  
Matthew 28:16-20 – Go make disciples!

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**The Way of Discernment** has now come to an end after 10 weeks of small group gathering. The group consisted of *Margaret Pratt, Joan Wilton, Jannell Plouffe, Tammy Bleue and Rev. Cathy*. There were several folks who were interested in being a part of this small group, but Wednesday evening was not a fit for them. We hope to offer a more introductory group along these same lines following Thanksgiving. The topic for this small group will be **Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ**. This group would gather for 6 weeks and look at topics such as:

- ~ The Christian Life as a Journey
- ~ The Nature of Christian Spiritual Life
- ~ The Flow and Means of Grace
- ~ Sharing Journeys of Faith
- ~ Living as a Covenant Community



Please speak to any of the people listed above who were involved in the Way of Discernment for more details. **This is NOT a bible study - it is a spiritual formation group.** We will focus on deep questions – how is God working in my life? How is God working in the world? What is God calling me to in my journey of life and faith? Speak to Rev. Cathy if you have any preference for time or day and we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible.

*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.*

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