

Welcome Back!

Sunday, September, 20, 2020



GOOD NEWS! We are able to gather again and for those of us here today, that is important. Others will be joining us later in the day or week to view the service. It is good to be here today! I have missed gathering together at St. Andrew's however, I have found worshipping online an unexpected gift of COVID.

Let us enjoy worshipping together whether it is in person, in the sanctuary or online at home.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

COVID GUIDELINES

All is ready for a re-start of Church Services in the sanctuary today. We will be following all Provincial health directives to ensure a safe and comfortable space for us all. As you can expect, there will be some differences but rather than dwelling on what is different let us rejoice at being together and enjoy what we can do.

CHURCH COVID GUIDELINES

(These guidelines are to protect us all)

- 1) Pre-register if you can but if you don't, arrive a little early to register.
- 2) Wear a face mask at all times in the church.
- 3) Use the Kingsway St. door, unless you have mobility concerns and need the elevator then use the Oak St. entrance
- 4) Greeters will welcome you at a desk and check off that were here and ensure your contact information is there.
- 5) An usher will escort you to a usable sanctuary seat so that social distancing is appropriate.
- 6) We will not be singing as a congregation, however follow along in the hymn book and listen to those leading our singing. Please remain seated during the singing.
- 7) After the service please remain seated as ushers will escort you out row by row.
- 8) After the benediction Karen will be outside if you would like to speak to her while social distancing.
- 9) Offering plate is at the back of the church for your convenience.

We may feel church is different, it is! We may feel it is too rigid, just remember we are doing all of these things for the safety of us all. Jesus calls us to be love one another let us love one another by doing all we can to keep each other safe.



OUR LAND - 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

GATHERING MUSIC: Great is Thy Faithfulness *arr. Mark Hayes*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **VU 395** Come In, Come in & Sit Down VS. 1& 2 PART OF THE FAMILY
(Remain Seated)

GATHERING PRAYER

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP(Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)
Stand firm, children of God. **We come to serve the Lord.**
Stand firm, children of God. **We come to stand in unity and love.**
Stand firm, children of God. **We come to live faithfully and fully in Christ.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: **VU 395** Come In, Come in & Sit Down VS. 3&4 PART OF THE FAMILY

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Nolan Kehler "The divine image" by Ralph Vaughan Williams

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1:21-30 read by: *Rita Swan*
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU 684** Make me a channel of your peace

OFFERING
(Plates at the back of the church for your convenience)

OFFERING PRAYER: (from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)
**As we remember your wonderful works,
we are grateful for your many blessings,
and are honored to return these gifts to you.
As we return these gifts to you,
bless them and send them forth,
that others may be showered
with your love and your grace.
In faithful trust, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Be thou my vision" by Jeff Enns (Text - VU 642)

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

Gracious God **hear us as we pray.**

BLESSING

***BENEDICTION (MV 84 vs 2)**

In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.

When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.

In you there is a future, in you we find our way.

When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

POSTLUDE: Triumphant March *Jacques Lemmens*

(Remained seated, you will be ushered out)

The Anthem this Week

The ancient text of “Be thou my vision” has stood the tests of time, and remains a great favorite in the hymn books of many denominations, likely because of its vivid profound insights and vivid imagery. The text is often attributed to Dallan Forgaill in the 8th century; in any case, this text had been a part of Irish monastic tradition for centuries before the hymn itself was written. It was translated from Old Irish into English by Mary E. Byrne in “Eriú,” *Journal of the School of Irish Learning*, in 1905. The English text was first versified by Eleanor H. Hull in 1912, and in both Voices United and in this anthem, the language has been further modified.

As a hymn, it is sung to a traditional Irish melody, “Slane”, and we have previously turned to the lovely arrangement by English composer, John Rutter. This is a version by Jeff Enns of Waterloo, Ontario, whose setting of the United Church Creed we have sung a couple of times. He introduces the initial verses to a new melody, and then matches with the familiar tune “Slane”.

Announcements

Sunday School: Ages 0-4 years in the lounge upstairs and 5 years and up in the auditorium downstairs. Please come in the doors at the Kingsway, not 255 Oak Street with your children. We will ensure your children are taken to their classes and they will be brought upstairs when church is finished. Registration forms are available online to print. Pre-register your family if you can, you can also email the office if you can't find the pre-registration form on the website.

Thanks!

A special thanks to the RHS Daycare at the Church who welcomed us all back this week with this beautiful banner!

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

Thank you so much to the re-opening group, worship group, Jan and Evan Demeduk and to Jeff Kremer for your hard work to make everything run smoothly!

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Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

Rental—Cathy Hopkins (auditorium) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Rental—Chris Donlevy (Choir Room) @ 11:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

Rental—Cathy Hopkins (auditorium) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Rental—Chris Donlevy (Choir Room) @ 11:30am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

World Communion

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—Joan Stevenson (lounge) @ 1pm

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

Rental—Cathy Hopkins (auditorium) @ 6pm

Worship meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

PA meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Rental—Chris Donlevy (Choir Room) @ 11:30am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

Rental—Cathy Hopkins (auditorium) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools. Indigenous Ministries and Justice at The United Church of Canada asks you to participate in Orange Shirt Day!

Christian Meditation An old way of prayer for our new reality In stressful times our relationship with God becomes more important. Learn how to “be still and know that I am God” by attending an on-line 6 week Introduction to Christian Meditation course beginning on Monday October 19th at 7:30 pm. For more information and to register contact Gail Brooks at rgbrooks2@shaw.ca

The ABC Group meeting originally scheduled on September 23rd 2020 has been postponed. It will be re-scheduled in the New Year, 2021.

Take care everyone and keep well.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew's River Heights United Church by profession of faith, confirmation or transfer of membership please let Rev. Karen Lumley know by email or phone call.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

