

# *Humility: An action of love*

## **An action and illustration of love**

1Sam25:18-31



**Sunday, September, 27, 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**

It is with great excitement that we are once again able to meet as community on Sunday morning. As you have noticed there are several protocols in place to help keep everyone safe during these uncertain times. The following processes are in place while you are here:

- Greeters will welcome you at the desk and check off your contact information.
- Wear a mask at all times in the church.
- You have been ushered to a designated seat. Please remain at your seat throughout the service to ensure social distancing of 2 meters is maintained.
- Follow along in your hymn books and feel free to hum along for the hymns.
- At the end of the service the ushers will direct everyone out of their designated seat. The ushers will start from the back and move forward towards the front. Please remain in your seats until the ushers reach you.
- Please go directly out of the building.
- Visiting must take place outside at this time with social distancing of 2 meters.
- If you require the use of the elevator, please remain in your seat until the ushers have completed directing people through the back of the church. The usher will then return and assist you to the elevator. Only one person is allowed in the elevator at one time.
- There is an offering plate at both exits, one at the back of the church and another at the exit to the elevator.

These processes may change as we continue to follow COVID-19 protocol. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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: O Jesus, joy of loving hearts (Maryton) arr. D. Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **VU 341** Fairest Lord Jesus VS. 1& 2 CRUSADERS HYMN  
(Remain Seated)

GATHERING PRAYER

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because God's Spirit calls us to worship.

**We are here to offer our praise for God's presence in our lives.**

We are here to acknowledge God's love all around us.

**We are here to claim the promise that wherever we are, God is with us.**

**Let us worship God.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: **VU 341** Fairest Lord Jesus VS. 3& 4 CRUSADERS HYMN

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Chris Donlevy - If with all your hearts (Elijah) *Felix Mendelssohn*

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-13 read by *Colleen Watters*

SERMON

HYMN: **VU 651** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

OFFERING

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

OFFERING PRAYER:

**God of overflowing abundance.**

**you have given us so much.**

**Receive these our gifts this day,  
and transform our gifts into blessing  
that grace the lives of others. Amen.**

ANTHEM: "A new commandment"; Text Susan Sayers, based on John 13; Music: Malcolm Archer

A new commandment I give you now that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this will all people know you are my friends if you love one another as I have loved you.

Love one another as I have loved you.

The love I give you the world will receive if you love one another as I have loved you.

A new commandment I give you now that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this will all people know you are my friends if you love one another as I have loved you.

Love one another as I have loved you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS: pg. 914/916  
Healing Spirit **be with 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: Allegro Moderato (from Fireworks Suite) G. F. Hamdel

*(Remained seated, you will be ushered out)*

### Music this week

Chris's solo comes early in the oratorio "Elijah", when Elijah is despairing that the drought that has afflicted Israel for several years does not appear to be over.

The anthem, is a well-known text in John's gospel, when Jesus, in the week prior to the Crucifixion, is exhorting his disciples to "love one another". It is a critical moment: Judas has just left the room, and Peter will be told that he will deny Jesus three times "before the cock crows".

The arrangement is a simple one by English composer Malcolm Archer, formerly organist and director of music at Wells and St Paul's Cathedrals, whose anthems and organ settings are used frequently in worship at St Andrew's.

### Announcements

**If you are interested in attending Bible Study** contact Rev. Karen Lumley. We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes beginning Tuesday, October 6th at 9:30am-10:30 am.

#### **Sunday October 4 is World Communion Day**

Prefilled, prepackaged disposable communion cups with wafers will be distributed with the bulletins for individual use.

**A special thanks to the RHS Daycare and preschool at the Church, who welcomed us all back to church with this beautiful banner and wreath.**

**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!

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#### 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 27

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

#### 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  
Worship meeting @ 7pm  
PA meeting @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

#### 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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Rental—Things (sanctuary) @ 11am  
Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm  
Council Meeting @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm  
Worship meeting @ 7pm  
P&A meeting @ 7:30pm

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. For more information and to register contact Gail Brooks at [rgbrooks2@shaw.ca](mailto:rgbrooks2@shaw.ca)

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 17:1-17  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
\*Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32  
\*sermon passage

