



**Sunday, October, 4, 2020**



Today is World Communion Sunday

A day that the world celebrates communion on one specific day. Each church across the globe celebrates communion in their own tradition, but remembering the worldwide fellowship of the Christian church.

On World Communion Sunday, the communion table is 25,000 miles long and throughout the hours of the day, millions of members of the universal Christian Church are at this table across the globe we are all following Jesus who said,

*"Do this in remembrance of me."*

#### 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

**News about the COVID situation in Canada, and right here in Winnipeg, seems to be changing by the hour. We at St. Andrew's are doing our best to monitor these changes.**

In response to the recent spike in COVID cases in Manitoba, the Province announced more stringent measures regarding the wearing of face masks and limiting public gatherings to a maximum of 10 people. However, the Directive has been clear to specify that, at this time, there is no change to rules for schools, childcare, etc. **and no change for faith-based gatherings.** As such, we at St. Andrew's continue to be subject to a maximum of 30% of our full sanctuary capacity or approximately 130 people.

About 40 people attended each of our first two services in our sanctuary and we are excited about that. Many more have tuned in to the on-line delayed streaming of each of these services. It is a new and exciting environment we are in. Be assured that we continue to follow all Provincial health directives to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all attendees.

By now you are probably getting familiar with the new protocols when attending services but let me repeat them again below:

- We are encouraging attendees to pre-register in advance by phoning the church office during the week prior to the Sunday. Not to worry if you forget. Walk-ups will be warmly welcomed.
- Face masks will be required as you enter the building.
- Please enter the building through the Kingsway St. (east side) door. Only those with mobility issues who require use of the elevator will be allowed to enter thru the Oak St. entrance.
- As you enter, you will be welcomed by a Greeter at a desk as a check off for registration. It is a requirement for us to keep a record of all attendees (including contact phone numbers).
- An Usher will then escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan has been developed marking 'Usable' sanctuary seats to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Appropriate exiting at the conclusion of the service is important. Exiting one pew row at a time will be supervised by the Ushers. Health regulations prevent mingling with refreshments after the service.

The Christian Education Committee has been working hard to provide Sunday School and nursery/toddler care during the service. Karen and Charlotte have relocated back to their church offices. For health security reasons, the Oak St. door will continue to remain locked. You can see them by calling in advance or ringing the buzzer positioned at the outside Oak St. door. As always, your comments and feedback is important to us, probably best provided by email thru the Church Office.

Glenn Neufeld



**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: One bread, one body arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **VU 147** What wondrous love VS. 1 & 2 WONDROUS LOVE  
(Remain Seated)

GATHERING PRAYER

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (reprinted by permission of the publisher from The Fames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth Duck. Copyright 1985 The Pilgrim Press)

Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating Communion.

**We join our sisters and brothers in the world celebrating Communion.**

Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us or deter us from our purpose, our sense of mission or our challenge to go forth as Christ's disciple.

**In Christ's love there is not East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love and peace for all.**

Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us in whatever country we live to be agents of hope and peace in these COVID times of uncertainty and strife.

**The bread and the wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message for all in our world.**

May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

**Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer and Savior! Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: **VU 147** What wondrous love VS. 3 & 4 WONDROUS LOVE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Judy Oatway - A Simple Song *From Mass*, Music *Leonard Bernstein*,  
Lyrics *Stephen Schwartz & Leonard Bernstein*

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 read by Diane Wreford

SERMON

OFFERING

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

OFFERING RESPONSE/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Gracious God, **Help us that we may be united as your people**

ANTHEM: Christ be in my waking Stuart Townend and Simon Brading Arr. Larry Shackley

Text:

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.

Christ be in my resting as the day is ending, calming and refreshing, watching through the night..

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding, guarding me from evil, walking in the light.

Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing, pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion, all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You.

Saviour, You're my deepest longing; You're the one I live for, teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ, be in my gladness, for the joy of living, thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.  
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness, knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Christ, when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to, ev'ry pleasure jaded, ev'ry well is dry.  
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness, leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

Jesus, this my devotion, all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You.  
Saviour, You're my deepest longing; You're the one I live for; teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Communion Setting Patriquin MV206)**

please turn to **MV206** for our communion parts to be sung)

### **The Great Thanksgiving (participatory prayer)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

For the beauty and wonder of creation in earth and sky and sea,  
**we thank you, God.**

For all that is beautiful in our world, we **thank you, God.**

For minds to think, hearts to love and hands to serve, **we thank you, God.**

For faithful people throughout the centuries who have brought us to this moment,  
**we thank you, God.**

And for your unending love, shown to us so fully in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, **we thank you, God.**

Therefore with all your saints who have served you in every age and place we sing:

♪**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

O God, we remember  
on the night before Jesus died,  
he had supper with his disciples:  
he took bread:  
thanked you, as we have thanked you;  
broke the bread;  
and gave the bread to his friends saying,  
"Take this, all of you, and eat it.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.

After supper he took the wine;  
thanked you for it,  
and passed a cup of wine to his friends, saying,

"this cup is the new promise God has made with  
you in my blood.  
Each time you do this and drink this cup, remember  
me."

♪**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**♪

Remembering his death and celebrating his resur-  
rection,  
we await with hope his coming again  
to bring peace and justice to the earth.  
O God of Love,  
Send your Holy Spirit upon these elements, upon us  
and what we do here,  
that touched by your Spirit  
we may be signs of life and love to each other  
and to all the world.

♪**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**♪

## **SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give thanks, O Gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world**

**united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## 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: God, whose almighty word (Moscow) arr. Albert Travis

### Anthem

The two men collaborating to compose this gentle, folk-like song, Stuart Townend and Simon Brading, are both practicing musicians and composers in England, and each have a significant catalogue of worship songs to their name.

### YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

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.



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

### Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

## 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.

**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!

**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)

**A special thank you to Rhonda Kennedy** who donated, planted, watered and gave loving care to the flowers around the church this summer. She brought over buckets of water for others to help in watering the beautiful flowers and garden. Thanks so much Rhonda for helping to beautify the church during COVID days offering signs of hope and beauty. Thanks for much for caring for God's flowers all summer it was muchly appreciated.

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

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