

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sunday, February 14, 2021



February is Black History Month in Canada, a time to honour the historical and present contributions of peoples of African descent. This could also be a time for congregations to make a commitment to becoming more culturally sensitive, racially inclusive, and justice-conscious..

## 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

## FIND YOUR PLACE

### Report on the Stewardship Campaign

It is with great appreciation that we extend our collective thank you for your generosity during the 2021 Stewardship Campaign. We have been blessed by your commitment to the life and work of St. Andrews during this challenging time.

Although the overall amount is slightly less than last year, we had feared that it would be significantly less!

Thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful approach to funding all of the initiatives that St. Andrews undertakes.

In the event that you have not yet made a commitment, please feel free to send your card to Bill Craddock at the church office.

More details on the campaign results will be available in the Annual Report that will be sent to you in February.

Sincerely,

*Greg Fearn  
Clark Brownlee  
Bill Craddock  
Iris Mckay  
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: *Steal away to Jesus African-American Spiritual arr. Raymond Haan*

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: **VU708** My Lord What a Morning  
My Lord, what a morning, Oh! my Lord, what a morning  
when the stars begin to fall  
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.  
Oh! my Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall

OPENING PRAYER:

**We journey and travel in a world that does not treat everyone as a friend.  
A world that does not respect, care and value each person equally.  
Oh God, please help us to pray and work toward a new world; your world. Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: Nobody knows the trouble I've seen

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen; nobody knows but Jesus.  
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen; Glory, Hallelujah!

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down; Oh yes. Lord!  
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground; Oh yes. Lord!

If you get there before I do; Oh yes. Lord!  
Tell all-a-my friends I'm coming too! Oh yes. Lord!

LITANY

For 200 years we have lived in a land after the transatlantic slave trade was legally abolished.  
For 40 years we have lived in a continent free of legal racial segregation.  
With the passing of the 1977 Canadian Human Rights Act segregated schools in Canada closed in 1983.  
We have lived for 40 years free of legal racial segregation.

**Yet we are still thirsty for equality.**

For 30 years we have understood the injustices that keep HIV/AIDS spreading in every corner of the world including our own.

**Yet we are still thirsty for compassion.**

For 20 years we have gone to workshops on "multiculturalism" and tolerance

**Yet we are still thirsty for acceptance.**

For 10 years we have known the importance of role models for our youth

**Yet we are still thirsty for peace on the streets.**

For centuries we have cried out

**"Give us water to drink," wondering if "the Lord is with us or not."**

And as we asked and as we are now asking, God provides us with living water of hope, compassion, acceptance, and peace.

**With hope, though thirsty we will not be parched.**

One day our yearning, will cease and our thirst will be quenched.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME/PRAYER

**Holy God, help us to see  
All of our siblings in Christ as beautiful and loved,  
Help us to celebrate each other,  
And to love each other and ourselves fully. Amen.**

SOLO: Derek Morphy - The Gospel train is a coming

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 3:1-17 read by Derek Morphy

SERMON

Response: **MV209** Go Make A Difference

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

Response: **Kumbaya my Lord**  
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbayah  
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya  
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OFFERING/OFFERTORY:

**VU93** When Heaven's bright with mystery vs. 4

BLESSING

BENEDICTION (**MV89** Love is the touch of intangible joy vs. 1)

**Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
Love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

POSTLUDE: Every time I feel the Spirit *Traditional Spiritual* arr. Mark Hayes

**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!

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## Just A Warm Sleep Just Opened!

Here's a shot of our crew before we opened the doors.

- Bear Paw Security thanks to funding from End Homelessness Winnipeg.
- **Smiling Intake staff thanks to YOU!!!!!!**
- Housing Coordinators thanks to the United Church of Canada Foundation.
- Meals from Fionn MacCools on every mat thanks to Fionn's Food Fund Donors.
- **Masks for guests (everyone tonight needed one) toiletries and socks thanks to YOU!**

## 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?

## Announcements

**A special thank you** to our soloist, Derek Morphy this morning, thank you for sharing your gift with us.

**If you** or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

## Scripture Readings for next week:

\*Genesis 9:8-17,  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

Resources for the Service from Black History Month, UCC Resources



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