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## Sunday, March 14, 2021



Lent is defined as the period of 40 days that Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is often marked with giving up something one really likes. It is a reflective time of penitence in preparation for Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert of 40 days. Let us as ponder these things in our hearts.

### 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

### Update on Church Re-Opening

A new Health Order was issued on February 12 that provides for a modest relaxation of restrictions on attendance at religious services. The Church Council met Tuesday and we decided that for the time being, we will continue with on-line services only. We recognize the spiritual needs of our members and know that some members are unable to access the service on line. We are not re-opening for anyone to attend, but are wanting to offer the opportunity for those who would like to come who cannot access it on a computer at home. You are certainly welcome to attend the recording sessions.

Please call or email the Church Office to register if possible, however, you can come and be screened at the door. You can enter the sanctuary through the Kingsway entrance (east side door). Come join us Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. for our recording.

*Glenn Neufeld*

*Re-Opening Committee and Member of Church Council*



**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

The Liturgy for today's service is Adapted from Affirming Liturgy for National PIE Day  
by the Very Rev. Gary Peterson

GATHERING: We are pilgrims on a journey (Tune - Beach Spring) *arr. Mark Hayes*  
WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU145** Draw the Circle Wide vs. 1 & 2

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather together proclaiming the good news of God publicly, intentionally, and explicitly:

**We as a community of faith joyfully affirm God's love and our love for diversity.**

The presence of God welcomes the fullness of who we are.

**We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice love in many ways.**

We are people who want to know and be known—

**for who we've been, who we are, and who we are becoming.**

We honour identities in transition.

**We delight in authentic self-expression.**

God moves in our becoming.

**How wonderful are the many works of God's creative hand!**

May all who long for Love's embrace feel their holy worth.

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **VU145** Draw the Circle Wide vs. 3

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Judy Oatway – What a wonderful World

SCRIPTURE READING: Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21 read by Judy Oatway

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **MV79** Spirit, Open My Heart vs 1

SERMON

HYMN: **MV79** Spirit, Open My Heart vs.2 & 3

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

**Response: MV90 Don't Be Afraid**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU149** Were the whole realm of nature mine vs. 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

BLESSING:

BENEDICTION (**VU422** God be with you till we meet again vs.1)

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: In Christ there is no East or West (Tune - McKee) *arr. Dale Wood*

### Announcements

Each week we will mention people from our congregation who are in care facilities. Remember them in your prayers. This week we will remember those in the The Waverley:

- Coralie Standing Room 304
- Margaret Follett Room 230

Heather Kozak and Matt Synder had a baby daughter Claire Valdine Synder on February 27th. She was 9 lbs and 22 ' long. Congrats to mom and dad and to grandpa and grandpa (Lawrence & Marion Kozak )

**A special thank you** to our soloist, Judy Oatway, thank you for sharing your ministry of music with us and for reading scripture today. Thanks to Rita Swan, a student of the Licensed Lay Worship Leader program of the United Church of Canada. United Church Lay worship leadership program.

### **Holy Week Services**

Join us as we partner with Westworth for Holy Week Services

We will be Celebrating Easter in our own churches

- Palm/Passion Sunday Live at Westworth Sun., March 28 at 10:45 am.
- Maundy Thursday April 1 at 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday April 2 at 10:30 am
- Easter Sunday Communion Service April 4 at 9:00am
- Easter Sunday Celebration April 4 at 10:30 am.

### **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.



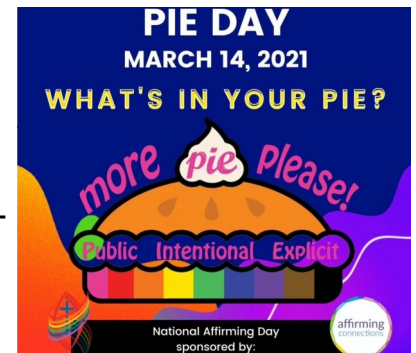
In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

## Announcements

**It was with great sadness** that we announce the passing of David Drybrough on Tuesday, March 9th. Remember his wife Connie, their sons Dan and Keith and their families in your prayers at this time.

Sunday, March 14th is PIE Day (Public. Intentional. Explicit) These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. It is a day to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond. Bake a pie of your choice and join us for a special worship today

Bring your PIE to church and let's ZOOM together after the service and share in our PIE. It is a time to connect with one another.



## Scripture Readings for next week:

\*Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33



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