



Sunday, May 2, 2021



Easter Sunday was April 4 and we celebrated the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter continues and lasts until May 23 which is Pentecost Sunday 16. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until then. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Make me a channel of your peace *Sebastian Temple arr. Mark Hayes*

CENTERING WORDS

ANTHEM: Little drop of Heaven - *words and music - Pepper Choplin*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU697** O for a world vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus said: Love one another.

We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.

Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU697** O for a world vs. 4 & 5

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU359** He came singing love vs. 1 & 2

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4: 7-21 read by Fred Cross

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

ANTHEM: O love - Elaine Hagenberg; Text - George Matheson

SERMON

HYMN: **VU359** He came singing love vs. 3 & 4

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU218** We praise you, O God vs. 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.



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.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION (MV212 Sent out in Jesus' name)
**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is our to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will**

POSTLUDE: 'Tis the gift to be simple (Simple Gifts) *Shaker song arr. Noel Rawsthorne*

Announcements

A special thank you to our quartet of singers today: Judy Oatway, Nicki LeGrand, Nolan Kehler, Fred Cross. Thank you also to Fred for reading the scripture today.

Sarah Cory and Mark Witiuk were married Saturday, April 30th at Bridges Golf Course. Congratulations!

Sunday, May 9th Westworth will be having their Affirming Ministry celebration. St. Andrew's is invited to join us them online for their service & celebration.

Westworth is offering a Book Study and inviting St. Andrew's to join them. If anyone is interested, please contact Westworth.

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:

Acts 10:44-48;
Psalm 98;
1John5:1-6;
*John 15:9-17

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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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