

FOLLOW ME

Sunday, September 12, 2021



Summer time is usually a time of relaxing, activities slowing down and R & R (rest & relaxation), however with Covid these past months things have been at a slower pace. In the Church Year this is Ordinary Time which is a time to be and a time to refresh yourself. Take the time this summer to reflect on the lessons learned from Covid as we move into more activities in the fall. Be safe and know that God walks with us on this journey of life.

Order of Service

GATHERING: Prelude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) "Forth in Thy name, O Lord I go" C. V. Stanford

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (The Minister's Annual Manual 2015-2016)

Take up your cross, Jesus said. **Those are difficult words to hear!**

Difficult they may be, but they are Jesus' words, and our hearts desire to follow them.

Even if it means taking up a cross.

Even if it means denying ourselves.

Even if it means losing our lives for Christ's sake.

Because with him, our lives and our souls are at peace.

Let us follow Jesus.

HYMN: **VU633** Bless Now, O God, the Journey

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Update – Glenn Neufeld

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **VU562** Jesus Calls Us vs. 1, 4 & 5

CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: O come, ye servants of the Lord (*Laudate nomen Domini*) Christopher Tye

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-38 read by Glenn Neufeld

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

HYMN: **VU567** Will You Come and Follow Me vs. 1 & 2

SERMON

HYMN: **VU567** Will You Come and Follow Me vs. 4 & 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
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O God hear our prayer

Sung response: **VU948**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **182MV** Grateful

Grateful for the life you give us,

Thankful for your Holy Son,

Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,

Thankful for your Holy Word,

Joyful in your mercy flowing,

We will praise you.



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

BLESSING (Prayers to Share, Responsive Prayers by David Sparks)
On the road that led to the cross, God stayed with Jesus, and in, in our testing times, God will stay with us too.

God will be our source of hope, when we are discouraged;
the source of community, when we are on our own;
the source of faith, when doubt overpowers us;
the source of inspiration, when life is colourless and drab;
the source of eternity, when the weight of Covid overwhelms us;
the source of peace, when uncertainty is all around us...
God will not leave you on your own!
Praise be to God!

BENEDICTION: **VU429** May the Blessing of God Be Upon You
May the blessing of God be upon you.
May God's love light all your way.
May the grace of Christ enfold you
And peace around you stay.
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE: Voluntary in G minor *John Stanley*

Announcements

Thanks to our reader Glenn Neufeld and quartet Judy Oatway, Katy Harmer, Fred Cross and Paul Forget for offering their gifts in the service today.

Remember Gordon McDiarmid in our prayers he is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

Remember in prayer Greg and Linda Fearn in the recent passing of Greg's mother, Helen Fearn.

Remember Lou, Betty Jubinville and family in the loss of Lou's brother Roger who passed away recently.

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

Donations to the church can be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer for an E-transfer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
*Mark 9:30-37

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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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