



Sunday, October 3, 2021



Today is World Communion Sunday which is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, which is today. World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Sacrament of Communion.

Come and celebrate with us with the bread and the wine

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

It is with great excitement that we are once again able to meet as community on Sunday morning. As you have noticed there are several protocols in place to help keep everyone safe during these uncertain times.

We strongly encourage that those who attend have been fully vaccinated (young children who as yet can't be vaccinated are of course welcome.)

As you can expect, there will be some differences from the usual routine. You will be familiar with these basics.

- Face masks will be required as you enter the building. A reminder to use hand sanitizer when you enter.
- We are requesting that you enter through the Kingsway St. (east side) door. Only those with mobility issues who require use of the elevator should enter through the Oak St. entrance.
- A Greeter will welcome you at a desk in the narthex to record your attendance. It just allows us to keep a record of all attenders in case any follow-up contact were required.
- An Usher will then escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan is in place to mark '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.

We may feel church is different, it is! We may feel it is too rigid, just remember we are doing all of these things for the safety of us all. Jesus calls us to be love one another let us love one another by doing all we can to keep each other safe.



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: Let us break bread together *arr.*
Raymond Haan

GREETING/WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

Welcome in the name of Christ.

**Welcome to this place of worship, situated on
the Traditional lands of the
Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Na-
tions and homeland of the Métis Nation.**

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of
grace, and this holy sanctuary.

**We gather this morning to share in the Word,
the Cup, and the Bread and to receive God's
deepest blessing that we might in turn be
blessing to others.**

So, be welcome here and on line.

Be blessed. Be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioning of the Steward Team
Chair Greg Fearn, members are: Glenn Neufeld,
Iris McKay & Bill Craddock.

HYMN: **VU226** For the Beauty of the Earth

CANDLE LIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, you are great indeed.

Praise God, O my soul.

You spread heaven like a tent and make the winds
your messengers.

Praise God, O my soul.

You have designed the world for blessing and
have blessed us without limit.

Praise God, O my soul.

Come, let us bless one another and God with our
worship.

HYMN: **VU227** For the Fruit of All Creation

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Behold the Beauty of the Lord (*W.H.*
Anderson)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Responsive Psalm: **VU826** Psalm 104 Part One &
Two read by Vinny Ashton
Each **R** is Refrain 1

SERMON

VU299 Teach Me, God to Wonder

R: Lord, hear my prayer— **vs. 1**

R: Lord, hear our prayer— **vs.2**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORDS PRAYER

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R: Lord hear our prayer **and in your love answer**

HYMN: **VU467** One Bread One Body

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, God, Creator of us all;
from the beginning you made the world and its
creatures.

You made people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;

you showed Noah a rainbow;

you gave Moses strength to free your people

and taught Miriam to sing;

you gave courage to Esther

and loyalty to Ruth;

you gave David a harp to sing your praise,

and helped him defeat the giant.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Yet, even they turned away from you
and forgot about you as we do too.

But you did not forget.

You sent Jesus to the world

to show how much you love us

and to bring us back to you again.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

He came as one of us,
 first an infant, then a child,
 later a youth, than an adult.
 He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,
 and wept with those who wept.
 To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.
 To the sick, he gave healing.
 To the hurting, he was a friend.

Still people turned away from you.
 They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.
 But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,
 that ye might be with us and we with him,
 alive for evermore!
 Therefore, with all the saints of every time and place,
 we join the angels in their praise:

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

We gather at this table we remember that
 on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends.
 He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
 he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
 “Take eat. This is my body, given for you.
 Each time you do this, remember me.”

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks,
 Passed it to his friends, saying:
 “Drink. This cup is poured out for you, it is the promise of God.
 Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

We remember Jesus’ death and celebrate his resurrection; we await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth;
 and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
“Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.”

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and we do here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
 God most holy, now and forever.
“Amen, amen, amen, amen.”

Sharing the Bread and the Cup
 The gifts of God for the people of God.
 Let us partake of the bread –the Bread of Life.

Let us partake of the cup-the Cup of Communion-
 the Cup of Blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the food we have received from your table-for Jesus Christ, the bread of life and true vine.
Grant that our hands, may touch, reach out, hold and serve.
Grant that our eyes, may see both the needs of others and the gifts they offer.
Grant that our tongues, may speak of reconciliation and peace.
Grant that our ears, may hear the cry of the poor for bread and justice.
Grant that our feet may run with you, with our near and distant neighbor.
Amen.

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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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.

BLESSING

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: Cornet Voluntary *Maurice Greene*

Announcements

Thanks to our reader Vinny Ashton and quintet: Sarah Witiuk, Susanne Reimer, Chris Donlevy, Fred Cross and Katy Harmer for offering their gifts in the service today.

Joyce Barber passed away on Monday morning. Remember in prayer John & Collette, Kera and Son-dra at this time.

Ardelia Burrow is now in 7 Oak Hospital for Rehab from her recent hip surgery.

Sunday School is Happening! Children up to grade 9 can leave for Sunday School after the Children's time. Nursery care is available in the lounge upstairs where all Sunday School children are meeting at this time.

October is Stewardship month and we will be reflecting on the Theme of Wisdom through the Psalms. Join us as we sing the Psalms and reflect on the meaning of Wisdom and Wonder.

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, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.

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

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

Thanks to the following people in their service in the following committees who are now stepping down.

- Deborah Metcalfe who has chaired The Foundation.
- Bob Barr who has been a member of The Foundation.
- Clark Brownlee in Stewardship and Outreach.
- Jason Dyck who was a member of Worship.

Thank you all for your faithful service for many years. Your work has challenged us to give financially and also give of our lives to service.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Joel 2:21-27
*Psalm 26
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33



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