



**Sunday, October 10, 2021**



Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks. It is grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favours especially to God. Thanksgiving is a time to acknowledge God's kindness and goodness to us.

It is a day set apart for giving thanks to God and as a faith community we have a lot to be thankful for. This Thanksgiving remember God's goodness to us all.

#### **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**  
(Adapted from UCC Resources on Stewardship)

GATHERING: We Praise You, O God (Kremser) *arr. Dale Wood*

GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation.**

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship and wonder.

**It is good to be here. It is good to be together.**

It is good to be together here in this place and it is good to connect on line.

Let us prepare to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP- Iris McKay

HYMN: **VU516** Come You Thankful People, Come

CANDLELIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Be glad, and rejoice! **The Lord has done great things!**

Worship the Lord with joy.

**We come with joy and thanksgiving on our lips and in our hearts.**

Worship the Lord with enthusiasm.

**We come willing to listen, share, love and serve.**

Be glad and rejoice, O people of God!

The Lord is doing great things!

**Let us worship God together.**

HYMN: **MV179** Sisters Let Us Walk Together

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Gloria (*Jim Stanton*)

Offer unto the Lord finest fruits from your vineyards and wheat from your fields, and sing gloria, sing to His name.

Offer unto the Lord fairest songs of elation and poems of peace, and sing gloria, sing to His name.

For His kingdom of earth and His kingdom above are one world without end.

Offer unto the Lord hymns of joyous thanksgiving and sonnets of grace, and sing gloria, sing to the Lord.

Open your hearts to a moment of peace.

Open your mouths to an hour of praise.

Open your eyes to a day of delight and sing *gloria in excelsis Deo!*



SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 26 read by Iris McKay  
*Response composed by Katy Harmer.*  
**R: Your love is before my eyes, I walk in faith to you.**

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.  
**Test me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**  
Your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with sinners, nor do I consort with hypocrites;  
I do not keep the company of evil doers, and will not sit with the wicked.  
**I will sing aloud a song of thanksgiving and tell of your wonders.**  
**While gratefully singing a song of thanksgiving,**  
**and telling about all your wondrous deeds. R**

O Lord, I love the temple where you dwell and your glory shines.  
Do not sweep me away as you do with wicked who sin against you.  
**But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.**  
**Be kind and rescue me. R**  
Now I stand on solid ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.  
**And when your people meet, I will praise you, Lord. R**  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Judy Oatway – The Bird Song *from Pilgrim's Progress (Vaughn Williams)*

SERMON

HYMN: **VU519** Sing to the Lord of Harvest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Creator God, giver of all good gifts.  
Sung response: **MV187** We Give Our Thanks

THE LORD'S PRAYER: The Paraphrase pg. **916**  
Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from form one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love now and forever. Amen

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

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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**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:** Now thank we all our God (from Cantata #79) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

### **Announcements**

**Thanks to our** reader Iris McKay and quintet: Judy Oatway, Susanne Reimer, Nolan Kehler, Paul Forget and Katy Harmer for offering their gifts in the service today.

**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.**

**Change Sings** by Amanda Gorman is a new book for our Church Library. If anyone would like to borrow it please sign it out the book and the sign out book are at the back of the church.

**A Service of Celebration** for Joyce Barber will be held on Thursday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend.

"There is a time for everything, a time to study and a time to refrain from studying." It is time for Bible Study to begin so join us this Wednesday at 9:30 am until 10:30 am. We will be reviewing Ecclesiastes and continuing our studies on this.

**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:**

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

\*Psalm 22

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

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



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