



Sunday, October 17, 2021



Our Stewardship series began on World Wide Communion Sunday and will continue for the month of October. Each Sunday we explore Wisdom as seen through the Psalms. Wisdom is the root of gratitude. In order to be grateful we need to be wise to the movement of God in our lives. The first Sunday we explored wisdom through the wonder of creation. The second Sunday we celebrated Thanksgiving reflecting on the wisdom for the road on our journey of life.

This week we reflect on wisdom from the bench.

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 so refreshing to be back for in-person services in the sanctuary at St. Andrew's. And we are continuing, for the time being, with the online option for those for which that fits their particular situation.

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 Stewardship Resources)

GATHERING: Choral and Variation 1 from Organ Sonata #6
based on "Our Father who art in heaven) Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP- Greg Fearn

HYMN: **MV10** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

CANDLE LIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Sometimes, God we need to gather to lament.

We come ready to trust you with our grief.

Sometimes, God, we need to gather.

We come ready to hope in you.

Sometimes God, we need to witness and weep.

We come ready to trust that you will comfort us in our time of need.

Sometimes, we just need to be here together or online and sit in the pain.

And so we come ready to just be together, and to trust you with all of who we are.

Let us worship God who loves the whole of us beyond measure and without exception.

HYMN: **VU374** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: O Love *(text by George Matheson, music by Elaine Hagenberg)*

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thy ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain.

That morn shall tearless be

SCRIPTURE READING: Responsive Psalm **VU744** Psalm 22 Part One & Part Two read by Jan Demeduk

Each **R** Refrain One

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

SOLO: Fred Cross – O God, Have Mercy from St. Paul *(Felix Mendelssohn)*

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake.

Deny me not. O cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart is offered before Thee.

I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Then open, Thou, my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

SERMON (Fred Cross & Karen Lumley)

Response: **VU950** Stay With Me

HYMN: **VU626** I heard the Voice of Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We cry out to you, O God.

Sung response: **MV90** Don't Be Afraid

THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916: **A Translation**

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy,

may your dominion come,

may your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts,

as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test,

but rescue us from evil.

For your is the dominion, and the power,

and the glory 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

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: Variations 4 and 5 from Organ Sonata #6 *Felix Mendelssohn*

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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Announcements

Thanks to our reader Jan Demeduk and quintet: Sarah Witiuk, Nicki LeGrand, Fred Cross, Chris Donlevy and Katy Harmer for offering their gifts in the service today.

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.

Our Thanksgiving gift this month is collection mayonnaise and cans of meat such as tuna, ham (larger cans if possible as each one has to be opened individually). We will collect them at the church and our volunteers will deliver them to the Oak Table Ministry.

Our Remembrance Day Service is Sunday, November 7th. If you have stories to share of relatives who were involved in war time activities, especially women, contact Rev. Karen Lumley if you would be willing to share your story at the service.

Bible Study has begun! Come join us Wednesday's at 9:30am until 10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Ecclesiastes 3.

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 42:1-6, 10-17

*Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental— Buenafe (sanctuary & auditorium) @ 1pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

Council Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rental—Nuovoce (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Rental—Toumine (sanctuary) @ 11am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

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?



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