



Sunday, March 13, 2022



Lent is defined as the period of 40 days that Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is often marked with giving up something one really likes. It is a reflective time of penitence in preparation for Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert of 40 days. Let us as ponder these things in our hearts.

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 elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Re-Start of In-Person Services at St. Andrew's

Your Church Council is excited to announce that In-Person services at St. Andrew's will be reinstituted beginning Sunday, March 6. It has been a long wait and we thank you for your patience. The indications are that the Omicron wave has peaked with hospitalizations and ICU numbers starting to decline. As such, we feel it safe to begin meeting in person.

Manitoba Health Orders have now removed capacity restrictions for religious gatherings and for rules related to vaccination status. However, we will continue to require proof of vaccination for persons 12 years and older and the wearing face masks to attend services in person. We will also continue to follow social distancing protocols regarding seating and the interactions with others attendees. All of this is with the proviso that pandemic statistics continue to decline.

With the start of in-person services on March 6, we will then record the service on Sunday mornings, to be uploaded for viewing the following Monday or Tuesday. It is important to continue to offer this on-line option for those who may not yet be comfortable to attend in person or cannot attend for health reasons.

We look forward to getting back to some form of normalcy in worshipping together.
Your Church Council



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 the Very Rev. Gary Paterson)

GATHERING: *2nd and 3rd movements from*
'Pastorale' J. S. Bach

CENTERING WORDS

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU108** Throughout These Lenten Days
and Nights

♪ Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.

The pilgrim Christ the Lamb of God,
Who found in weakness greater power,
Embraces us, though lost and flawed,
And leads us to his Rising Hour.

We near the silence, cross and pain
Of human burdens, human strife,
While sisters, brothers help sustain
Our courage till the Feast of Life.

And though the road is hard and steep,
The Spirit ever calls us on
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
Until we see the coming Dawn.

So let us choose the path of One
Who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
And slept in death that we might wake
To life on Resurrection Morn!

Rejoice, O sons and daughters!
Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings
On Easter Day will rise gain! ♪

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather today proclaiming the good news of
God publically, intentionally and explicitly.

**We as a community of faith affirm God's love
and our love for diversity.**

The presence of God welcomes the fullness of
who we are.

**We are people who desire. Who long. Who
practice love in many different ways.**

We are people who want to be known and be known

**-For who we have been, who we are, and who
we are becoming.**

We honor identities in transition.

We delight in authentic self-expression.

God moves in our becoming.

**How wonderful are the many works of God's
creative hand!**

May all who long for Love's embrace feel their holy
worth.

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 Na-
tions and homeland of the Métis Nation.**

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, wor-
ship 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 online.

Let us prepare to worship God.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Candle response: **MV67** Kyrie Eleison (Bridget)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have
mercy)

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Why Can't We?* (Robbie Smith and
Kathleen Glauser, arr. Donna Rhodenizer)

Touch the same grass, breathe the same air,
Same gust o' wind caresses our hair.

We do, we do have a lot in common.

Shed the same tears day after day,

Walk the good earth in the same kind of way.

We do, we do have a lot in common.

So why can't we? Why can't we just get along?

'Neath the same moon, 'neath the same sky,
Feel the same sun that shines in our eyes.

We do, we do have a lot in common.

Tread the same paths, walk the same miles,

Share the same pleasures with the same smiles.

We do, we do have a lot in common.

So why can't we? Why can't we just get along?

Got the same love deep down inside,

Feel the same ebb and flow of the tide.

We do, we do have a lot in common.

Feel the same joy, feel the same pain,
Goin' in circles again and again.
We do, we do have a lot in common.

So why can't we? Why can't we just get along?

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:28-33 read by
Paul Forget

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

SERMON

HYMN: *All the Colours of the Rainbow* (Abbots
Leigh) Songs for the Holy Other
vs. 1, 2 & 4 (text by Carl P. Daw, tune Abbot's
Leigh, VU104)

♪ **All the colours of the rainbow live unseen in
daily light,
But their splendors find expression when re-
leased to human sight;
So the church reveals most beauty where di-
versity is real:
Breadth of race and class and gender, room
for doubt and space to heal.**

**All the body's parts are wanted, nor can one
despise the rest:
Head and hand must work together, as must
eye and ear and chest;
So the church needs all its members for a
range of ministries:
Varied gifts with one great mission, "Do this
for the least of these."**

**Teach us, God, our need of others; through
them help us fully live.
Wean us from our selfish habits; let us listen,
learn, forgive.
May we see your longed-for image in each hu-
man heart and face,
And behold how those around us can be chan-
nels of your grace. ♪**

MINUTE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

God calls us. We need you O God.
Sung response: **VU950 Stay with me
Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.
Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** A Paraphrase
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 uni-
verse!
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 sus-
tain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from 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

HYMN: **MV145** Draw the Circle Wide
(Refrain) ♪ **Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider
still
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever,
In God's gracious arms. R**

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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Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call. R

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door. R ♪

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **MV191** What Can I Do?
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: Go With Us
May the blessing of God,
Who made us in love,
Who made us for companionship,
And who made us to enhance the world,
Go with us as we leave this place,
Go with us where life calls us to be.
We go, but not alone.
We go, but not alone.
We go, we go, loved and blessed,
To be a blessing. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Fantasy in A minor* J. S. Bach

All the Colours of the Rainbow

The text for "All the Colours of the Rainbow" comes from Songs for the Holy Other, a collection of hymns that affirm the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The creators of the collection write in the introduction: "The title, Songs for the Holy Other, is a self-conscious claiming of otherness as holy and beloved of God. We who have been labelled as 'wholly other' are claiming our holiness, and reclaiming our otherness as a prophetic witness to the church...The gifts God has given us are not in spite of our otherness, our queerness, our LGBTQIA2S+ identities, but rather our identities are inextricably tied up in our God-given gifts, and are, in and of themselves, a gift to the church, as we reflect the rainbow diversity of God's creation."

Announcements

A big thank you to our quartet of singers: Judy Oatway, Nicki LeGrand, Chris Donlevy & Paul Forget who will also be our scripture reader. Thank you to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

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Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



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



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