



**Sunday, March 20 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**

GATHERING: *Cromorne en taille* (Crumhorn in Tenor Voice) Louis Marchand  
*Basse et Dessus de Trompette* (Trumpet in Low and High Voices) Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

### CENTERING WORDS

SOLO: *Litany* (John Musto) Words by Langston Hughes:

Gather up  
In the arms of your pity  
The sick, the depraved,  
The desperate, the tired,  
All the scum  
Of our weary city.

Gather up  
In the arms of your pity.  
Gather up  
In the arms of your love—  
Those who expect  
No love from above.

### WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update from our Church Council – Anne Gre-war

HYMN: **VU651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

♪ **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;**

**Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;**

**Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to see**

**I will ever give to thee. ♪**

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

God, you are our God. We seek you.

**Our souls thirst for you. Our bodies long for you.**

Your steadfast love is better than life.

**Therefore, our lips will praise You.**

We will bless you through our lives, for You have been our help.

**We will lift up our hands and call upon your name.**

**In your presence we will sing for joy.**

### 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 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

**We are here to worship.**

**We are here to praise and pray.**

**We are here to grow our faith.**

**May we receive God's word.**

**May we offer our worship,**

**and may we be made truer disciples.**

ANTHEM: *Close Thine Eyes* (W.H. Belyea)

Close thine eyes and sleep secure.

Thy soul is safe, thy body sure.

He that guards thee, He that keeps

Never slumbers, never sleeps

A quiet conscience in the breast

Has only peace, has only rest:

The music and the mirth of kings

Are out of tune, unless she sings.

### CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:1-9 read by Vinny Ashton

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

## SERMON

HYMN: **VU120** O Jesus, I Have Promised  
♪ O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, a round me and within;  
But, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
Now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend. ♪

MINUTE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION  
COMMISSION – Vinny Ashton (member of Outreach group)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (*adaptations from Intercessions for Lent 3 by Ian Farthing and The Presbyterian Church of Canada Worship Planner*).  
Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer. And in Your Love answer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: **VU658** O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go  
♪ O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths it flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering touch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through 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.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be. ♪

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.**

## 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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POSTLUDE: *Offertoire sur les grands jeux* (Offertory on the full organ)  
Francois Couperin

### **Announcements**

**A big thank you** to our quartet of singers: Sarah Witiuk, Nicki LeGrand, Nolan Kehler & Fred Cross. Thank you to our scripture reader Vinny Ashton. Thank you to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

**Memorial Flowers** What is the Memorial Flowers Fund? Every year during Lent, St. Andrew's raises money for the St. Andrew's Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. Donations can be made in amounts of your choosing and you can name as many people as you wish. All loved ones so named will be listed in an In Memoriam section in our order of service on Easter Sunday. This fund is used to purchase flowers/plants to decorate the church during special times of the year. If you would like your 'In Memoriam' to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the form and your donation to the church office by mailing it in or dropping it off in the mailbox no later than Monday, April 11th, 2022. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or can be found on our website under "publications/forms".

### **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. 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?

### **Remember in Prayer:**

Margaret Hinchcliffe and her family in the passing of her husband Ted, father and grandfather.

Lou Jubinville and family in the passing of his brother Jules.

Kelly & Janice McKeag and families in the passing of their sister Darcy McKeag in Florida.

Thanks to Derek Morphy and Martha Graham for coming to help us sing at The Wellington. Thanks to Audrey Belyea for playing for us.

Thanks to all who donated socks for the SOX Box for 1JustCity-many warm feet have appreciated it.

### **Scripture Readings for next week:**

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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