



**Sunday, April 24 2022**



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until June 5th which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **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**

### **Reminder on COVID Protocols at St. Andrew's**

It is exciting to see in-person attendance gradually building from Sunday to Sunday here at St. Andrew's. It is refreshing to connect personally with our fellow worshippers. And of course, we continue to provide the recorded on-line option for folks who are unable to attend for various reasons.

We feel it is now time to relax some of the COVID protocols in line with various changes that are taking place across the country. Specifically, starting Easter Sunday, we will no longer be asking for proof of vaccination to attend the services. **But it continues to be important to wear face masks and follow social distancing practices.**

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Your Church Council

### **Order of Service**

GATHERING: *Awake, Thou wintry earth* (from Cantata #129) J. S. Bach  
*This is God's wondrous world* ((Terra Beata) arr. Robert Hobby

CENTERING WORDS

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update from our Church Council – Rob Siddall



**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.

SOLO: Chris Donlevy - *Gott im Frühlinge (God in springtime)* Franz Schubert, Johann Uz

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In seinem schimmernden Gewand  
Hast du den Frühling uns gesandt,  
Und Rosen um sein Haupt gewunden.  
Holdlächelnd kömmt er schon!  
Es führen ihn die Stunden,  
O Gott, auf seinen Blumenthron.

You have sent us spring  
in his shimmering robes  
and entwined roses about his head.  
Already he comes, sweetly smiling;  
the hours lead him  
to his throne of flowers, O Lord.

Er geht in Büschen, und sie blühen;  
Den Fluren kömmt ihr frisches Grün,  
Und Wäldern wächst ihr Schatten wieder,  
Der West, liebkosend, schwingt  
Sein tauendes Gefieder,  
Und jeder frohe Vogel singt.

He walks among bushes, and they bloom;  
the meadows acquire their fresh green,  
and shade returns to the woods;  
caressingly the west wind  
waves its dewy wings  
and every happy bird sings.

Mit eurer Lieder süßem Klang,  
Ihr Vögel, soll auch mein Gesang  
Zum Vater der Natur sich schwingen.  
Entzückung reisst mich hin!  
Ich will dem Herrn lobsingem,  
Durch den ich wurde, was ich bin!

Birds, with the sweet notes of your songs  
let my song also  
soar up to the Father of Nature.  
I am filled with rapture!  
I will sing praises to the Lord  
who made me what I am.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Gathering Resource  
Lent/Easter 2022

In this time of worship, let the colors of God's love  
come alive for us.

The blue of the lakes and seas, refreshing us.

The brown of the earth, grounding us.

The orange of a blazing sunrise, uplifting us.

**In worship, we affirm God's nurturing love.**

The pink of a gentle sunset, comforting us.

The green of trees, and forests, sheltering us.

The black of night, bringing peace and reset.

**In worship, we affirm God's caring love.**

The yellow of inspiration, encouraging us.

The red of embracing life, energizing us.

The purple of imagination, emboldening us.

**In worship, we proclaim God's empowering love,**

**a love that calls us to care for all of creation.**

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN: **VU291** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* vs.  
1, 2, 4 & 5

♪ (refrain) **All things bright and beautiful, all  
creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: in love, God  
made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird  
that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made  
their tiny wings. R**

**The purple-headed mountains, the river run-  
ning by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up  
the sky. R**

**The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's  
haunting call,  
The great lakes and the prairies, the forest in  
the fall. R**

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we  
might tell,  
How great is God our maker, who has made all  
things well. R ♪**

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.

ANTHEM: *So Still* (text: Emily Carr, music: Brian Tate)  
 So still were the big woods where I sat,  
 Sound might not yet have been born.  
 Feel their protecting spread, their uplifting rise,  
 Their solid immovable strength.  
 See God in it all, enter into the life of the trees,  
 The silence full of sound.  
 Everything is green.  
 Everything is waiting and still.  
 Everything is alive.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

## CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Martha Graham  
 Responsive Psalm: **VU874** Psalm 50 with Refrain

Reading: Psalm 150  
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow*  
 ♪ **God of sparrow, God of whale, God of the swirling stars.**  
**How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.**  
**How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.**  
**How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal.**  
**How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life.**

**God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook.**  
**How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace.**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.**  
**How do your children Joy. How do your children say Home.♪**

SERMON: Life Cycles (Alyson Huntly)  
 Water/Sky/Earth/Tree/Rock/Sun  
 Earth-Introduction  
**The earth beneath our feet**  
 V1: is a dusty path worn by many travellers  
**The earth beneath our feet**  
 V2: is a road  
 V3: a journey  
 V1: a parade  
 V2: a long march.  
**The earth beneath our feet**  
 V1: is a fertile field;  
 V2: a sower went out to sow  
 V3: someone owned a vineyard  
 V1: and another a fig tree  
 V2: and there was a field of wheat and weeds.  
 V1: The earth beneath our feet  
 V2: is fertile ground.  
**The earth beneath our feet...**

Voice 1-Derek Morphy, Voice 2-Martha Graham,  
 Voice 3-Jan Demeduk

HYMN: **VU296** *This is God's Wondrous World*  
 ♪ **This is God’s wondrous world, and to my listening ears**  
**All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.**  
**This is God’s wondrous world; I rest me in the thought of**  
**Rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God’s hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God’s wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;**  
**The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.**  
**This is God’s wondrous world: God shines in all that’s fair; in the**  
**Rustling grass or mountain pass, God’s voice speaks everywhere.**

## 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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**This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God  
is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my  
heart be sad? Let  
Voices sing, let heavens ring: God reigns, let  
earth be glad! ♪**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

We are people of hope.

Sung response: **VU180** *Christ is Risen* (Refrain)

**Christ is risen, yes indeed!**

**Hallelujah!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: VU916** A Paraphrase

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY: VU541** *Praise God from  
Whom All Blessings*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION: VU179** *Hallelujah, Give Thanks vs. 1*  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen  
Christ  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
Firstborn of all creation**

**POSTLUDE: Paeon on 'Truro'** (Christ is alive!)  
Christopher Tambling

**Note about So Still**

The text of today's anthem is taken from the published journals of Emily Carr (1871-1945), one of Canada's most beloved and renowned painters. Images of nature and Indigenous culture from British Columbia fill her paintings, and Carr found sketching/painting in nature to be a very spiritual experience.

Her journals are beautiful insights into how she viewed the natural world around her:

*"Sketching in the big woods is wonderful...Everything is green. Everything is waiting and still. Slowly things begin to move, to slip into their places...Nothing is crowded; there is living space for all. Air moves between each leaf. Sunlight plays and dances. Nothing is still now. Life is sweeping through the spaces."*

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

*Everything is alive. The air is alive. The silence is full of sound. The green is full of colour...Moss and ferns, and leaves and twigs, light and air, depth and colour chattering, dancing a mad joy-dance, but only apparently tied up in stillness and silence. You must be still in order to hear and see."*

**Announcements**

**A big thank you** to our singers. A thank you also to our scripture reader Martha Graham. Thank you to Jan Demeduk and Derek Morphy for assisting with reading.

**Remember in Prayer:**

Sandra (Samm) Brown who in Deer Lodge, Lodge 4 West.

**Thursday, April 28th** service of Celebration for Doreen Morrow will be held at St. Andrew's at 2:00 with a reception to follow.

**Scripture Readings for next week:**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalms 30 (VU p. 757)

Revelation 5:11-14

\*John 21:1-19



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