



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 8, 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

We pray for those in care facilities

Jack Palmer in Catherine Place

Sandra (Samm) Brown in Deer Lodge

Kit Jarvis in West Park Manor



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: *Prelude on 'Our Parent, by whose name'* (Rhosymedre) Ralph Vaughan Williams

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU395** Come In and Sit Down
♪ (refrain) **Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are part of the family.**

**You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family. R**

**God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family. R**

**There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine,
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R**

**There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family. R**

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING: Written by: Tammy Ferguson, Grace U.C. Gananoque, Ontario from Gathering Resource for Lent/Easter, 2022

For mothers of every form and kind, everywhere.

Bless them with your love, O God,
as they cradle us with care,

Bless them with your love, O God.
Remind us to help them out.

Bless them with your love, O God,
To work together. Never shout!

Bless them with your love, O God.
For mothers of every gender and connection everywhere,
God is with us. Don't despair!

Bless them with your love, O God.

OPENING PRAYER:

SOLO: Sarah Witiuk - *A Parent's Love* - Music by

Paul T Sjolund, Text by Grace Noll Crowell
Something of God in a parent's love
Something of God's tenderness and care
I never see a parent bent above an ailing child, but
I can see God there.

And I can hear God in words that are said to little
children gathered round the knee
God's own voice speaking to the young
The words that will bear fruitage for eternity.

And I can feel God in a parent's touch
Across the widening years
Their shielding hands will reach out as if to keep
from harm the little child
How well God understands a parent's heart!
So like God's own it is.

True parenthood has touched God's garment hem
for strength and wisdom.
And surely o God, we honour thee the day we honour them.

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 continue to worship our God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Rita Swan

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:36-43

ANTHEM: *The 23rd Psalm* (dedicated to my mother) Bobby McFerrin (refrain)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores me soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary
land,

There is nothing that can shake me, She has said,
She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life, And I will live in Her house,
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *New Patterns of Loving* (St. Denio) text by Barbara Hamm, from Songs for the Holy Other, tune is **VU223**)

♪ **New patterns of loving make room for new ways,
creating new families to care for and raise.
All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
Are families of choice by the caring they show.**

**Our ancestry marks us with visible signs;
We bear in our bodies genetic designs.
But love, beyond limits of gender or race,
Can fashion new families, and new ways embrace.**

**God bless all the mothers and fathers today;
Help us to raise children to walk in God's way,
To care for each other as children of God,
Whose love is inclusive, far-reaching, and broad. ♪**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU555** *Our Parent, by Whose Name*

♪ **Our Parent, by whose name all parenthood is known,
Who in your love proclaims each family your own:**

Direct all parents, guarding

**well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell.**

**O Jesus, who, a child within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled did to adulthood come:**

**Our children bless, in every place,
that may all behold your face,
and knowing you may grow in grace.**

**O Spirit, who can bind our hearts in unity,
And teach us so to find the love from self-set free:**

**In all our hearts such love increase,
Every home, by this release,
May be the dwelling place of peace. ♪**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** 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: *Allegro Moderato* Robert J. Hughes

Announcements

A big thank you to our singers. A thank you also to our scripture reader, Rita Swan, today.

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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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Rental—Chris Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Bible Study @ 9:30am

Book Club @ 1:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Rental—Women's Music Club (sanctuary) @ 8:30am

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, MAY 16

Rental—Jacqueline Ryz (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Rental—Chris Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 5pm

Council meeting @ 7:30pm (board room)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Bible Study @ 9:30am

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MAY 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Rental—Chris Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Bible Study @ 9:30am

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Choir @ 8pm

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?

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. We will be discussing **American War** by Omar El Akkad. The story, set at the 21st century, follows Sarat and her family as she grows up in a displaced persons camp during the Second American Civil War. Life in the south of USA has also been changed due to a deadly plague and global warming. Everyone is welcome to join the group for the discussion. Extra copies of the book are available from Ruth McKenzie who can be reached at 204-489-1537.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

*Revelation 21:1-6

*John 13:31-35

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, May 15-Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
- Sunday, May 29-Sacrament of Communion
- Sunday, June 5-Pentecost
- Sunday, June 12-Trinity Sunday

Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings in the lounge at 9:30am. This week we will be focusing on: *Revelation 21:1-6 & *John 13:31-35.

Mark your calendars: Saturday, May 27th, 7:30pm our wonderful resident musicians present a Springtime recital! An evening of light-hearted music to celebrate coming through a long winter. A collection will be taken to support the Music Ministry here at St. Andrew's. See you there!



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