



**Sunday, March 26, 2023**



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 ponder these things in our hearts as we begin our Lenten journey as a faith community.

#### **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**

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

**ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE:** Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

**BIBLE STUDY:** We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact [klumley@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:klumley@standrewsriverheights.com)

**BOOK CLUB:** We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

**OUTREACH:** Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

**PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS:** Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at [j.demeduk@hotmail.com](mailto:j.demeduk@hotmail.com)

**ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC:** Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! [Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at [office@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:office@standrewsriverheights.com).

### **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday at St. Andrew's with Westworth, April 7 at 10:30am

Easter Sunday Communion, April 9 from 10:00-10:10 am

Easter Sunday Celebration with the Choir and Trumpeter, April 9 at 10:30 am



**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: *When in the hour of utmost need* J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

**For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land.**

**The relationship with the land is at the center of our lives.**

**We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. The land we worship and live on is part of Treaty 1.**

**Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydro from Treaty 5 territories.**

**We acknowledge errors made in the past by those arriving from other lands and we pledge to work towards the right relationships with all First Nations people.**

INTROIT: *Psalm 130:5* (E. Thiman)

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait for God,  
And in God's work do I hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Called to Be the Church, 2020*

Each step on Christ's Way, each step of our lives takes us to new places, new times.

Some of those are times to rest - like Jesus did, when he stopped to pray.

Some are times to be challenged as Jesus was, some are times to celebrate, even in the face of grief - as Jesus did, when he shared his last meal with his friends.

**Whether our bones are dry, our spirits weary or we are filled with energy, ready to go; this is our time to be together -**

**This is our time to be together listening for the Spirit, loving one another, worshipping our God! Worshipping our God!**

HYMN: **VU121** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

♪ **Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn,  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word,  
every person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.  
Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
come inflame our hearts anew,**

**we may all your joy inherit,  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be,  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea. ♪**

OPENING PRAYER

QUARTET: Paul Forget, Nolan Kehler, Ian Olson Fred Cross - *Dry Bones* (trad. spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes)  
There was a man named Ezekiel who lived many years ago.

He was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord  
To a valley full of old, dry bones.

Then Ezekiel was asked by Lord Most High,  
"Can these bones ever be revived?"

After pondering this question, this is what he said,  
"Only the Lord God knows."

So the Lord commanded Ezekiel to speak unto these bones,

"Now hear the word of the Lord!"

Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones: now hear the word of the Lord!"

Ezekiel connected dem dry bones.

Now hear the word of the Lord!

So the bones were connected by the power of the Lord  
When Ezekiel spoke the command.

But the bones had no breath, so the Lord God said,  
"Call the winds from across the lands."

Then Ezekiel called the spirit in the winds  
To revive those bones on the ground.

With a mighty sound those bones rose up  
And began to walk around!

Ezekiel connected dem dry bones.

Now hear the word of the Lord!

The toe bone connected to the foot bone,

The foot bone connected to the ankle bone,

The ankle bone connected to the leg bone,

The leg bone connected to the knee bone,

The knee bone connected to the thigh bone,

The thigh bone connected to the hip bone,

The hip bone connected to the back bone,

The back bone connected to the shoulder bone,

The shoulder bone connected to the neck bone,

The neck bone connected to head bone.

Now hear the word of the Lord!

Dem bones gonna walk around!

Round and round dem bones gonna walk all over God's ground.

Hallelu, Glory Hallelujah!

Now hear the word of the Lord!

CHILDREN'S TIME: *The Lenten Tree*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023.*

O Lord, there are times when we are so lost, we forget to look to you.  
Forgive us when we turn away from your love.  
Forgive us when we doubt our own feelings and the feelings of others.  
Forgive us when we forget that your Holy Spirit dwells within us.  
Help us see your love and your presence in our lives.  
Help us trust you no matter what life may bring, and help us follow you faithfully. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

HYMN: **VU611** *Out of the Depths, O God*  
♪ Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.  
Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.  
Facing our lives, we need your love so much.  
Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.  
Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.  
Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.  
Here in this community, hold us in your care.

God of the loving heart, we praise your name.  
Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.  
Your light illumines each familiar face.  
Here in this community, meet us with your grace. ♪

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14 read by Jim Duval  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *Hide Not Thou Thy Face* (Richard Farrant)  
Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,  
And cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure:  
For we confess our sins unto thee,  
And hide not our unrighteousness:  
For thy mercy sake deliver us from all our sins.

SERMON: *Two Voices*  
Ezekiel: Derek Morphy, God's voice: Susanne Reimer

HYMN: **VU381** *Spirit of Life*  
♪ Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close;  
wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life,  
come to me, come to me. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
God, help us to be a people of hope.  
Sung response: **MV100** *Lord God, You Love Us*  
**Lord God, you love us,**  
**source of compassion.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU539** *God of All Good* vs. 1  
God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU121** *Tree of Life* Lenten vs. 5  
God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death;  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath,  
love as near as every breath.

POSTLUDE: *Psalm 20* ("May the Lord answer when you are in distress") Benedetto Marcelo

Announcements

**Actors are needed** for the Maundy Thursday Service, on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. The following actors are needed: Peter, Jesus, Dorcas, Woman, Thomas, Judas, Narrator and Scripture Reader.

If you are attending the service and willing to participate, please let Rev. Karen Lumley know. Thank you so much!

**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!

A thank you today to our singers, our quartet; Paul Forget, Nolan Kehler, Ian Olson Fred Cross and our scripture reader, Jim Duval. Thank you to Susanne Reimer and Derek Morphy for their reading.

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### Coming Up...

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, MARCH 27

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Bible study @ 9:30am

Rental—Caron (sanctuary) @ 1pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Handbells (lounge) @ 5:30pm

Choir @ 7:30pm

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 10am

### Announcements

**The Sunday School children** will be practicing their Palm Sunday Play immediately following the church service on Sunday, March 26th.

**The Sunday School children** will be creating symbols for the Lenten Tree, which will be hung every Sunday during Lent and Easter Sunday. Also, a special play will be shared on Palm Sunday by the children and youth for the congregation during the service.

### Remember in prayer:

Coralie Standing is in Charleswood Nursing Home, 5501 Roblin Avenue, Room 614B.

**A special thanks** to Outreach for organizing Speaker Series#2, Thomas Wardell the speaker, Outreach & Fellowship for making coffee & muffins and all those who helped set up tables and chairs.

**Thanks to** Murray Cameron and John Swan who painted the stage and a wall for the next Choir Concert happening in April. Thanks to Gord Shawcross for doing a plumbing job and Jeff Kremer who hung lights in the lower hallway.

**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 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 3rd, 2023**. 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".

**The St. Andrew's Senior Choir** is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love" on April 22, 2023. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$20 (12 and under: \$10) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available for purchase through the office Mon-Fri 8:30am-2:30pm. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex,

### 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?

please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Tickets are also available online through [Eventbrite](#). Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Matthew 21:1-11 & Matthew 27:11-54.

**Got any loose change?** The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their breakfast program.

### Scripture Readings for next week

\*Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
\*Matthew 27:11-54



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