



Sunday, May 7, 2023



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 28th 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 of 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

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

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

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! 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.

Upcoming services:

Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day, and our guest preacher is Rev. Ray Cuthbert.

Sunday, May 21st is Ascension Sunday. Communion will be served.

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday, and our guest preacher is Rev. Irene Greenwood.



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

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

♪ **This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine. ♪**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples 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 peoples.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

R: Yah God!

CENTERING PRAYER

Jesus is the way - **challenging us.**

Jesus is the truth - **that empowers and encourages us.**

Jesus is the life - **that calls us to commit to his way.**

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life - **that calls us to faithful living.**

READING: *Modern Paraphrased with Actions*

Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Actions:

Rulers - *Bow down*

True - *Shake your head & say "Most defiantly so!"*

God - *Awe*

Furious - *Look angry/scowl*

Heaven - *Look up & appear holy/saintly*

Look Up - *Point to Heaven above*

REFLECTION: *Everybody Needs A Rock* by Byrd Baylor

HYMN: **MV92** *Like a Rock*

♪ Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry sky
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
Our home is in God evermore. ♪

Actions for “Like a Rock”:

Like a rock: *Extend both forearms upward, palms facing down in one movement.*

Like the starry night sky: *Wiggle fingers while slowly raising arms to head height.*

Like the sun: *Extend one forearm, palm up. With palm down, slowly extend the other hand 6" over the first arm, arcing up at the end, so the palm is facing away from the body.*

Like the river: *Leave the first forearm as before. Other hand makes a "swimming" motion close to it, by weaving it gently in a handshake position.*

Evermore: *End with "God's hug" - crossing arms over chest, hands to shoulders.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We thank you, God.

Sung response: **VU179** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah* refrain only

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU538** *For the Gift of Creation*

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May the grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU586** *We Shall Go Out* vs.1

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

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!

Thank you to our singers and everyone involved in our service today. Thank you to those who helped with the organizing of our picnic!

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Church Picnic @ 10:30am

Rental—MRMTA (sanctuary)

MONDAY, MAY 8

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @ 9am

Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary)

@ 12pm

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @

5pm

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MAY 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Council (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Rental—Theresa Thordarson (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

Announcements

We want to give a massive thank you to everyone involved in the choir show. From the performers, volunteers and everyone that attended, thank you so much!

On Sunday, April 30th, the Outreach group hosted speaker series #3 with Glynis, Desiree and John from 1Just City. Thank you to all who helped! Peter Brehaut and Kelvin Koots for setting up the lounge, Allison Koots and Joan Stevenson for making the coffee, tea and muffins, Vinny Ashton for the announcement and introductions and for everyone's support, help and participation. Thanks to all who came and showed their support.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave from Monday, May 8th until Wednesday, May 17th.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Cuthbert will be our guest preacher on Sunday, May 14th. Ray was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and in addition to pastoral, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006. Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg. He has recently served as a member of the Full Communion Dialogue Group of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Canada.

Remember in Prayer:

- Cheryl Duffy who is in the Women's Hospital at HSC.
- Holly McHaffie, whose father, Alexander Taylor McHaffie, passed away.

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?

On Sunday, May 21st communion will be served at the front of the church for those who are comfortable. If you prefer the pre-packaged elements, they are available from an usher.

On Sunday, May 28th, the children and youth will be having a Pentecost Party, celebrating Pentecost the birth of the church. Come for a fun-filled time of celebrating, feasting, and remembering.

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

*Acts 17:22–31

Psalms 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

*John 14:15–21



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