



Sunday, May 28, 2023



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and spoke in different languages preaching to all the people there who heard the message in their own language. It must have been an amazing site to behold the Spirit descending upon the disciples. That same Spirit is available to us as Christians to teach us and to empower us to continue the work of the disciples and of Christ. Pentecost Sunday is May 28th, and the season of Pentecost lasts until December 3rd the first Sunday of Advent.

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, June 4th Pride Sunday at the Legislature Building at 10:00am or worship at Meadowood United Church (1111 Dakota Street) at 10:30am with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne the Moderator of the UCC of Canada will be preaching and all United Churches in the city. There will be NO CHURCH SERVICE at St. Andrew's.



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: *Wind who makes all winds that blow*
(Aberystwyth) arr. Healey Willan

WELCOME

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katy Harmer—Music Bursary Program
Bill Craddock – Minute for Council

ANTHEM: *Fill-a Me Up!* (Peter Choplin)

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up now and take control.

So many things try to fill me up.
So many things try to weigh me down.
Fill-a my heart now until you stay
And chase the other things away.

Now my heart is an open door.
Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord.
Fill-a my heart now and let it grow,
And change my life so all will know.

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up now and take control.
(Children leave for Pentecost party)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Pentecost. A time when we wait in our upper rooms,
our hearts filled with doubt and concern for ourselves
and our world.

**A time when the days seem to go on and on
and our hearts have grown cold.**

When it feels like we are living
in the midst of a drought.

**When there is so much happening in our world
and we feel crushed by the violence all around us.**

When it is hard to see what lies beyond this day.

When it is hard to have faith and hope.

Pentecost. A time when we need to know

The Spirit is among us, bringing a vision, bringing hope.
And in hope, we worship.

OPENING PRAYER:

**Come, Spirit,
make a difference in our lives,
set us ablaze with hope.
Like gales of wind and water,
drench us with pouring rains.
Like a gentle dove bring peace.
Like a wild goose that returns with the change of
seasons,
remind us that life moves on
and hope is with us always.**

HYMN: **VU367** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

♪ **Come down, O love divine, seek now this soul of
mine,
And visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, my onward path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong with which the soul will
long
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till love creates the
place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling. ♪**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**On this day of Pentecost, we are reminded of the
ways in which we have limited your Spirit. We live
in a world that is broken in so many ways. We see
hatred and fighting, war and pain inflicted on people
who struggle to find hope. We are fearful of the
ways in which we contribute to the pain around us -
failing to listen, making judgements, forgetting that
we need to pull our weight. We huddle in fear rather
than speak out in love.
Remind us that you call us to work together, supporting
one another - those who are our neighbours
and those who live far from us. May we work together
to bring peace and hope and life to all of creation.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **VU375** *Spirit of Gentleness*
(Refrain) **Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you call to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. R

You swept thro' the desert,
you strung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. R

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew thro' your people
on the rush of the wind. R

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise. R ♪

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21 read by Rob Siddall

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU382** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
♪ **Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine,
To do and to endure.**

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God:
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity. ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sacred Spirit, hear our prayer
Sung response: **VU949** *Grant to Us*
**Grant to us, O God, a heart renewed;
speak to us a fresh forgiving word.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU542** *We Give You But Your Own*

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU374** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* vs.3

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

POSTLUDE: *Introduction and Toccata in G major*
William Walond

Announcements

Today, 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.

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 to our singers and our scripture reader, Rob Siddall. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Irene Greenwood.

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Announcements

Irene Greenwood is a retired United Church minister serving in both rural and city ministry for 38 years in the three prairie provinces. Now retired, Irene lives in Winnipeg with her partner, Joan and enjoys spending time with their five grandchildren. On a volunteer basis, Irene continues her work for the church as a support person for ministry personnel and through social justice work. In addition, she occasionally offers leadership for study group in her own congregation. Since retiring, Irene has renewed her interest in music by learning a new instrument - the ukulele. She and Joan participate in jam sessions, playing along with other ukulele players.

Sunday, June 4th, as Churchill Park did last year, SMRUC has registered "The United Church of Canada" to walk in Wpg's 2023 PRIDE parade. All United churches welcome. We will bring the region's United Church banner to lead the group, but other banners/signs are welcome. Wearing bright colours is encouraged. The rally is before the parade at the Legislature Building and 10:00 am is the Parade. Meet us at our Church Banner behind the United Church Banners. This service will also be live-streamed for those who wish to view it online.

Sunday, June 4th at United Church in Meadowood (1111 Dakota Street) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne will be preaching at the celebration of ministry service. She is the Moderator of the UCC of Canada and is the first Indigenous Woman to lead a religious denomination in Canada. The service is open to all United Church people. It will also be live-streamed for those who prefer to view it online. Time to be announced.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave from Monday, June 5th until Monday, June 12th. Karen will be working on planning worship for the fall.

Blue Jean Sunday School for the month of June. The children will be having activities at the school during church. Fun-filled times of celebrating the warmth of summer days!

John Standing Music Endowment Award: A new Music Bursary Program is being implemented at St. Andrew's. It will provide an annual \$500 award to support the development of musical talent within our Church community. You, or a family member, may be considering lessons in a particular musical instrument, maybe taking voice lessons, or even something like attending a summer music camp or joining a community choir.

For access to the submission form, visit our website or email the office. Please note that the deadline for submitting an application is Friday, June 16. If you have further questions about the Bursary Program, feel free to contact one of the Bursary Committee members – Glenn Neufeld, Katy Harmer, Wes Elias or Laura Regier.

Remember in Prayer the family of Cheryl Duffy in her passing.

This summer, we will be partnering with Westworth United Church. Westworth will be joining us in July. We will join Westworth in August and for the long weekend in September.

Scripture Readings for next week

Genesis 1:1–2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11–13 & Matthew 28:16–20

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?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Pentecost Sunday worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Llwellyn Armstrong (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, MAY 29

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 7m

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 6pm



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