

# welcome

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**



Summer is a time to be! A time to relax. A time to rest! A time to be with family and friends.

Summer is a time to celebrate! Weddings, friends, family and yes, even Church.

We are glad you chose to be here today or join us online. If you are from Westworth United Church, we are glad to be partnering with you again this summer. It is good to have services together. Actually, it is great! If you are visiting or new to River Heights feel free to come anytime! Come relaxed in shorts and a T-shirt. Be comfortable! Let's all connect! Let's all be together and just be!

## **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).

**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.

**We want to give a big warm welcome to Westworth!**



**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: *Intermezzo* Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: *United Church Worship Resources 2023*

**We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. This land has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. We thank all the generations of Indigenous peoples who have taken care of this land and been its stewards for thousands of years. We also recognize the contributions of the Inuit and other Indigenous peoples who have helped to shape this region, provinces, and Canada as a whole. We give thanks for the countless ways they have assisted the settler peoples who came to inhabit the land. May the Creator hold us gently in this time of hope, healing, and reconciliation as we journey together on this land.**

HYMN: **VU697** *O For a World*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Written by Gathering Resource for Worship, 2023 David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. Gathering*  
Welcome.

**We come together in this place to worship God.**

Welcome.

**We bring our insecurities with us.**

Welcome.

**We bring our pain to share.**

Welcome.

**We bring our joy, our hope.**

Welcome.

**We are all welcome in this place to worship God. Just as we are.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU600** *When I Needed a Neighbour* vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

**Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life.**

**Free us to love as completely as you love.**

**Help us find our worth,  
not by lifting ourselves above others,  
but by accepting that we belong to you.  
May our fulfillment be found,**

**not in what we hold onto,  
but in what we freely give in your name.  
Free us, dear God, to live without fear,  
following wherever your Spirit leads.  
In the spirit of Christ's compassion, we pray.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Paul Forget - "*Love bade me welcome*" by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
from my first entrance in,  
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:

Love said, You shall be he.

I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 10:40-42 read by Heather Robbins

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU371** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

In the strength of God, we will be among those who welcome.

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: *Allegro moderato* W. Warder Harvey

### Announcements

**A special thanks to Jan and Evan Demeduk** for offering the ministry of Blue Jean Sunday School in May and June. Colouring books and crayons are available at the back of the church for children during worship.

### **John Standing Music Endowment Award**

Congratulations to Evan Demeduk who is this year's recipient of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual John Standing Music Endowment Award here at St. Andrew's. The award is in the amount of \$500. Evan has just completed Grade 12 at Tech Voc High School. Evan is planning to use the award to enroll in some formal voice lessons. We wish him well in those pursuits. *Glenn Neufeld*.

**Moose Hide Campaign** is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and boys-and all Canadians-who are standing up against violence towards women and children. Wearing this moose hide signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect women and children in your life and to work together to end violence against women and children, and all those along the gender continuum. Help spread the Moose Hide Campaign by sharing with your family, communities, and organizations. The pins are available at the back of the church and by Karen's office. share them with family and friends. For more information contact: <https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>

**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.

### **Thoughts and Prayers**

- Remember in prayer Holly McHaffie, whose mother passed away last week.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the city of **Dauphin** and surrounding communities especially those grieving the loss of family or friends in the tragic traffic accident on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that killed sixteen people and injured nine others. We pray for those still in the hospital and those who are caring for and supporting them and their families. We pray for first responders from Carberry and surrounding communities who reached out with help on that most horrible day and those who are making themselves available to meet their needs for support and care. We pray for therapists and spiritual care providers especially Ilene Dowd, Minister at First United Church, Dauphin, and others in communities throughout Manitoba tending to the needs of those impacted by this tragedy. May God be with us all.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jamie Bradshaw** as she transitions from her pastoral relationships with the people of **Shoal Lake Pastoral Charge and Strathclair Pastoral Charge** into retirement. We wish her well in whatever retirement holds for her and continue to keep the people of the Shoal Lake and Strathclair pastoral charges in our hearts as they discern the next steps in their ministries.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Robert Campbell** as he completes his pastoral relationship with **McClure United Church, Winnipeg**. We wish him well and will continue to remember the people of McClure United Church in our hearts as they discern the next steps in their ministry perhaps in collaboration with other partners.

### **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 to our singers, soloist, Paul Forget and our scripture reader, Heather Robbins.

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- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Kwang Beom Cho** as he completes his pastoral relationship with **Winnipeg Korean United Church** and with the members of Korean United Church and its governing body as it moves toward formal disbanding after 40 + years of ministry.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Carol Fletcher and Jeff Cook** as they transition from their pastoral relationship with the people of **Transcona Memorial United Church**, Winnipeg into retirement. Effective July 1, 2023, the people of Transcona Memorial United Church will be welcoming their new minister, **Robert (Rob) Reed** who is completing a pastoral relationship with the people of the Gainsborough-Carievale Pastoral Charge, Saskatchewan.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Paul Duval** as he completes his pastoral relationship as supply minister with the people of **Fort Garry United Church** effective June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, the people of Fort Garry United Church will be welcoming their new minister, **Kwang Beom Cho** who is completing a pastoral relationship with the people of Winnipeg Korean United Church.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Don Johnston** as he completes his pastoral relationship with the people of **North Kildonan United Church, Winnipeg**, and returns to retirement. We wish him well in the days ahead. Effective July 1, 2023, the people of North Kildonan United Church will be welcoming their new minister, **Susan Reed** who is completing a pastoral relationship with the people of the Carnduff-Alida Pastoral Charge, Saskatchewan.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Karen Kuzek** as she transitions from her pastoral relationships with the people of **Grandview United Church Pastoral Charge and Gilbert Plains United Church Pastoral Charge** into retirement. We wish her well in whatever retirement holds for her and continue to keep the people of the Grandview and Gilbert Plains Pastoral charges in our hearts as they navigate steps toward amalgamation and then engage in processes to discern the next steps in their ministries.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd** who transitions from her pastoral relationship with the people of **Westworth United Church** into retirement. We wish her well. Effective July 01, 2023, the people of Westworth United Church Winnipeg will welcome their new minister, **Tricia Gerhard**
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Ken Thomas** as he completes his time as supply minister with the people of **Augustine United Church, Winnipeg**, and returns to retirement. We wish him well in the days ahead. Effective July 1, 2023, the people of Augustine United Church will be welcoming their new minister, **Eric Lukacs** who most recently completed a pastoral relationship with the people of the Orleans Pastoral Charge, Ontario.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with **Steve Wilson** as he completes his pastoral relationships with the people of **Northminster United Church, Flin Flon, and Ste. Rose United Church** and returns to retirement. We wish him well in the days ahead. We will continue to keep the people of Northminster United Church in our hearts as they determine the next steps in what may be a lay-led ministry. Our hearts and prayers remain with the people of the community of faith at Ste. Rose: Lakeside Pastoral Charge as they move toward disbanding.
  - Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Reverend Elizabeth (Liz) Brazier and the people of Pinawa Christian Fellowship** as they celebrate the **service of installation (covenanting) on June 25** at 2:00 p.m. Liz is a Mennonite Minister who began her pastoral relationship with this Ecumenical Shared Ministry (Anglican, Mennonite, Presbyterian, and United) in January 2023.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **all those pastoral charges engaged in the pastoral relations processes**, which may include profile development, collaborative conversations with neighbouring church communities, and search processes.

### 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?

### Scripture Readings for next week:

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67,  
Psalm 45:10–17 or Song of Solomon 2:8–13,  
Zechariah 9:9–12, Psalm 145:8–14,  
Romans 7:15–25a, Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30



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