



Sunday, June 25, 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 trans-
formed 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 25 - Indigenous Day of Prayer Service

Sunday, July 2 - Westworth joins us for worship



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

The Sacred Drum: Celebrating Indigenous Spirituality
and Strength

2023 Indigenous Day of Prayer Service (United Church
Worship Resources)

GATHERING: *Folk Tune* Percy Whitlock

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

RECOGNITION OF LAND & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow* vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

♪ **God of sparrow, God of whale, God of the swirling stars.**

How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.

How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.

How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.

How do your children say Joy. How do your children say Home. ♪

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

On this Indigenous Day of Prayer, we gather in solidarity with the First Peoples of this land.

We celebrate their wisdom, culture, and spirituality.
We honour the sacred drum, the heartbeat of Mother Earth, echoing the voice of our ancestors.

May our hearts beat in harmony with the rhythm of creation.

Come, let us join in worship, embracing the beauty of Indigenous heritage and strength.

With open hearts, we seek to journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation.

HYMN: **MV135** *Called by Earth and Sky*

♪ (Refrain) **Called by earth and sky,**

promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

treasure of life sanctified,

called by earth and sky

**Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again. R**

**Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place, our gathering and our
grace. R**

**Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song. R**

**Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. R ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Great Spirit, Creator of all, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and the ways in which we have failed to honour the wisdom and dignity of the Indigenous Peoples of these lands. We confess that we have too often remained silent in the face of injustice and have not always taken the necessary steps towards healing and reconciliation.

We admit that we have sometimes perpetuated harmful stereotypes, neglected to listen to the voices of Indigenous communities, and been slow to confront our own biases and prejudices. Forgive us, O God, for the times when our actions and inactions have contributed to the pain and suffering of Indigenous Peoples.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Susanne Reimer – *Prayer Music* by David W.

Guion, words by Hermann Hagedorn

Lord, in this hour of tumult,

Lord in this night of fears,

Keep open, oh, keep open

My eyes, my heart, my ears.

Not blindly, not in hatred,

Lord, let me do my part;

Keep open, oh, keep open, dear Lord,

My eyes, my mind, my heart!

Hear Thou my pleading,
Hear Thou my prayer! Lord,
Lord, Hear Thou my pleading!
Lord, God, Hear Thou my pleading,
Hear Thou my prayer.

Lord, in this hour of tumult,
Lord in this night of fears,
Keep open, oh, keep open
My eyes, my ears.

HYMN: **VU595** *We Are Pilgrims* vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6
♪ **We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. ♪**

WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD: Read
by Martha Graham
The Responsive Psalm reading: VU818 Psalm 98 Re-
frain 1
Epistle reading: Ephesians 2:14-22
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
...we pray **Great Spirit, receive our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *An Indigenous Lord's Prayer*
**Great Spirit, our Creator, who is in all places,
Sacred is your name.
May your wisdom guide us,
Your will be done in our lives,** **ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST**

**as it is throughout Creation.
Provide us today the nourishment we need,
And forgive our wrongs, as we forgive those who
have wronged us.
Lead us on the path of understanding and respect,
And protect us from ignorance and harm.
For you are the source of all power, beauty, and
love,
From generation to generation, forever and always.
Amen.**

THE TIME OF GIVING

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: **VU964** *Go Now in Peace*
**Go now in peace,
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.**

POSTLUDE: *Andante in G minor* Thomas Arne

Announcements

As many of the Fellowship Interest Group are away during the summer, we will not be preparing refreshments for after the service from July 2 to September 3. We require volunteers to prepare refreshments for the 5 Sundays in July. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary if you can prepare refreshments for one of these weeks. If you require any information on what is required, please contact Betty Jubinville. The Fellowship Interest Groups would like to thank you for your continued support.

Remember Rita Swan, Lay Worship Leader, who will be leading worship at Windsor Park United Church Sunday, June 25th.

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!

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, Susanne Reimer and our scripture reader, Martha Graham.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Rental—Raymond Ding (sanctuary)
@ 6:30pm

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JULY 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Rental—Prairie Saxophone Initiative
(sanctuary) @ 6pm

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Rental—Jane Male (sanctuary) @
11am

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JULY 10

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Worship @ 10:30am
Rental—Charmaine Bacon
(sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 17

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Worship @ 10:30am
Rental—Charmaine Bacon
(sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, JULY 24

Rental—Joel Ledlow Summer Camp
(auditorium) @ 9am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Rental—Joel Ledlow Summer Camp
(auditorium) @ 9am

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Rental—Joel Ledlow Summer Camp
(auditorium) @ 9am

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Rental—Joel Ledlow Summer Camp
(auditorium) @ 9am

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Rental—Joel Ledlow Summer Camp
(auditorium) @ 9am

Announcements

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/>

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.

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.



Stewardship
Seconds

In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

August 1st to September 4th

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on holiday. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149, call Westworth at the church office at 204-489-6974, or email at Westworth minister@westworth.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.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Genesis 22:1–14
Psalm 13
Jeremiah 28:5–9
Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18
Romans 6:12–23
*Matthew 10:40–42



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