

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1, 2023



As we begin our church year together, we are reminded it is 7 Days to Thanksgiving. This year we are "Offering Gratitude" each Sunday for five weeks. We have offered GRATITUDE for CREATION, FOOD, AND SILENCE. This week we reflect on Gratitude for MUSIC. Come and be a part of our journey together this fall. GRATITUDE!

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 on our website at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Isaiah 55 & *Luke 14:15-24

** this reading is the preaching text*

Communion today will be served as people come forward. If anyone prefers to remain in their seats, the communion elements are available for you in the narthex. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be served to you.

The Worship Group recognizes that the Land Acknowledgement is an important part of worship but can become less meaningful if repeated week after week. Recognizing this and the request of others we decided to read the land acknowledgement once a month together and to read it silently once a month. It will be printed on the bottom of the page of the bulletin weekly.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



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 MUSIC: *O for a thousand tongues to sing* (Azmon) arr. Paul Manz
All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen) arr. Noel Rawsthorne

WELCOME/LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP— Greg Fearn

CENTERING RESPONSE:

God be with you **and with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of our Triune God.

Source of Life, Gift of Love, Teacher of Wisdom.

HYMN: **VU245** *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the sound! (*bell rung*)

God is calling. (*bell rung*)

We are gathered.

God is present. (*bell rung*)

Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! (*bell rung*)

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle as a symbolic act to recognize God's presence.

In every moment, Christ's light shines. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME: **VU820** *Psalms 100*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and one another;

we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

In your mercy, forgive us, correct us, and direct us;

through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: **VU477** *I Come with Joy* vs. 1

HYMN: **VU533** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Derek Morphy
Exodus 15:20-21

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

ANTHEM: *With a Voice of Singing* (Martin Shaw)
With a voice of singing declare ye this,
And let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered all people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honour of God's name,
Make our praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
And let it be heard, Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN: **VU468** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Great Thanksgiving for World Communion

UCC Gathering 2023

Written by Heather Leffler, Rockwood-Stone P.C.,
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Communion Setting A VU932/933

God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to each other.

Creator, you separated land from water to create the skies and seas and to make a home for all people.

We live on the land first called Turtle Island.

You created cycles of life that would sustain all creatures.

Through our faith traditions, you offered us stories that teach us to care for each other and for the earth.

But we let you down, Holy One. Instead of sharing the earth and its resources, we put systems in place that hurt your people and creation.

You sent your son to live with us and bring us back to you.

Jesus assured us of your forgiveness and love.

♪ **Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. ♪

When he returned...

...With them, we offer you praise.

♪ Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
 heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.
 Hosanna in the highest. ♪

On the night before...
 ...you drink it, remember me."

God of life, with this bread and wine, we remember your son Jesus and pray that we will come to know him in new and deeper ways.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We await with hope...
 ...proclaim the mystery of our faith:

♪ Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again. ♪

Send your Spirit upon us...
 ...and to the world.

♪ A-----men. ♪

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Life-giving God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.
 May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
 we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
 we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
 Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: MV136 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* vs. 5
**Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.
 When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.**

BLESSING:
 God has called us with the sound of singing.
Let us echo God's calling. (bell rung)
 God has blessed us with the gift of music.
Let us go out in the joy of the Lord. (bell rung)

BENEDICTION: VU481 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* vs. 2 shortened
**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

POSTLUDE: *Praise the Lord with drums and cymbals (alla Handel)* Sigfrid Karg-Elbert

Announcements

Musical Instruments are available for the children, youth and anyone who wish to use them during the service in our singing.

Wednesday, October 18th at 11:00am, we facilitate worship at The Wellington. If anyone can come and help us sing, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Karen Lumley or the church office.

Coralie Standing has moved to Vista Park Lodge.

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, communion co-officiant, Rita Swan, and our scripture reader, Derek Morphy.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

World Communion Sunday worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Rental—Aaron Hutton (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Decorating the church

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Thanksgiving Sunday worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 9am

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 5pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

More Announcements

Confirmation Classes for youth! Youth ages 12 and up who are interested in attending Confirmation Classes sometime this year, please let the office or Rev. Karen Lumley know. Classes will be for five weeks for an hour or so and would be interesting, fun, informative and possibly after church or another time that works for the participants. Send me an email at

klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

Messy Church was a family event, usually on Saturday evenings, when families came together for food, fun, story time and time to be together as parents. If families are interested in this program again and would attend, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley

klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

Sign-up sheets for Sunday School. Registration are available in the narthex. There are classes for the nursery (ages 5 and under), and primary grades (grades 1-6). Jen Parks will be teaching the primary grades and Evan Demeduk will be in the nursery. Classes for youth (grades 7 and up) will be held in the lounge.

Oak Table-1JustCity we are collecting individual tuna/meat cans, hearty soups, stews, beans etc. for individual use. Pull-top cans are useful. Baking goods such as sweetened condensed milk, pecans and walnuts, maraschino cherries (red and green) and sweetened coconut are requested.

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?

Oak Table is having their Dinner Fundraiser <https://oaktable.ca/events/oaktables-annual-fundraising-dinner>.

Adults who are interested in membership classes or understanding the Church, please email Rev. Karen Lumley at klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. The scripture we will be studying is Luke 14:15-24.

Remember in prayer Carol Holland who is in Misericordia Hospital.

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.



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