



## Sunday, May 22, 2022



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until June 5th 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 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

### Reminder on COVID Protocols at St. Andrew's

It is exciting to see in-person attendance gradually building from Sunday to Sunday here at St. Andrew's. It is refreshing to connect personally with our fellow worshippers. And of course, we continue to provide the recorded on-line option for folks who are unable to attend for various reasons.

We feel it is now time to relax some of the COVID protocols in line with various changes that are taking place across the country. Specifically, starting Easter Sunday, we will no longer be asking for proof of vaccination to attend the services. **But it continues to be important to wear face masks and follow social distancing practices.**

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Your Church Council

### We pray for those in care facilities

Jack Palmer in Catherine Place

Kit Jarvis in West Park Manor



**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: *Pastorale* (from Sonata in D minor) Alexandre Guilmant

### CENTERING WORDS

### WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update from our Church Council – Sarah Witiuk

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *Dvořák - I will sing new songs*

I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.

Ev'ry day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy name.

Great is God and great His mercy,  
Who shall tell of all His greatness?  
Who shall His praise declare?

My song shall be of praise and honor,  
and of Thy glorious acts.

Thy works are wonderful past our knowing.

Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness  
and of Thy wond'rous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

### CANDLE LIGHTING

### OPENING PRAYER

### GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND:

Welcome in the name of Christ.

**Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation.**

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship and wonder.

**It is good to be here. It is good to be together.**

It is good to be together here in this place and it is good to connect online.

Let us continue to worship our God.

HYMN: **VU79** *Arise, Your Light is Come*

♪ **Arise, your light is come!**

**The Spirit's call obey;**

**Show forth the glory of your God,**

**Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come!**

**Fling wide the prison door;**

**Proclaim the captive's liberty,**

**Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come!**

**All you in sorrow born,**

**Bind up the broken-hearted ones**

**And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come!**

**The mountains burst in song!**

**Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong. ♪**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Sarah Witiuk  
Psalm 67 **VU786**

ANTHEM: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (Eric H. Thiman)

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou would'st do.

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

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

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.  
Amen.

HYMN: **MV79** *Spirit Open My Heart*

♪ (refrain) **Spirit, open my heart**

**To the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love,**

**In receiving and in giving,**

**Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stormy heart**

**With a heart that's kind and tender.**

**All my coldness and fear**

**to your grace I now surrender. R**

**Write your love upon my heart**

**As my law, my goal, my story.**

**In each thought, word and deed,**

**May my living bring you glory. R**

**May I weep with those who weep,**

**Share the joy of sister, brother.**

**In the welcome of Christ,**

**May we welcome one another. ♪**

Acts 16:9-15

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

### SERMON

HYMN: **VU710** *Shall We Gather at the River*

♪ **Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever flowing  
by the throne of God? R**

(refrain) **Yes, we gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God**

**Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. R**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. ♪**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

The Spirit is our helper  
Sung response: **VU180** *Christ is Risen* (Refrain)  
**Christ is risen, yes indeed!  
Hallelujah!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: VU916** A Translation

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,  
May your name be made holy,  
May your dominion come,  
May your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the bread we need;  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we have forgiven our debtors;  
And do not put us to the test,  
But rescue us from evil.  
For yours is the dominion, and the power,  
And the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY: VU541** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION: VU179** *Hallelujah, Give Thanks vs. 1*  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen  
Christ  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
Firstborn of all creation**

**POSTLUDE: Hail the day that sees Him rise**  
(Ascension Hymn) arr. Albert Travis

**Announcements**

**A big thank you** to our singers. A thank you also to our scripture reader, Sarah Witiuk, today. A special thank you to Derek Morphy and Erica Wiebe for leading the choir this week while Katy is in Toronto attending Podium, the national choral conference.

**Chris Donlevy**, one of our tenor section leaders, will be moving to Montreal with his partner this summer. Thank you, Chris, for your musical leadership and good humour over the years, and good luck on your new ventures!

**Rev. Karen Lumley** will be on Study leave from May 30-June 8. If you need pastoral care contact Rev. Heather Robbins 204-295-1542. Karen will be officiating at a family friend's wedding in Ontario and working on worship preparation for the fall.

**Upcoming Services:**

- **Sunday, May 29**-Sacrament of Communion
- **Sunday, June 5**-Pentecost Sunday, Rita Swan, a Lay Worship Leader will be our guest worship leader and preacher.
- **Sunday, June 12**-Trinity Sunday, Rev. Dr. Ray Cuthbert retired minister will be our guest minister. Rev. Karen Lumley will be co-leading worship.

**PRIDE SUNDAY** is Sunday, June 5. Details about participation in the **PRIDE PARADE** will be in next week's bulletin.

**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 our scripture reader Sarah Witiuk today

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## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gordon McDiarmid's book**, "We were Builders from Scotland" won a Manitoba Day Award at the Association for Manitoba Archivists annual event. Gordon, a member of this congregation, passed away in December 2021 would have been pleased, humbled and so honoured.

**Mark your calendars:** Saturday, May 28th, 7:30pm our wonderful resident musicians present a Springtime recital! An evening of light-hearted music to celebrate coming through a long winter. A collection will be taken to support the Music Ministry here at St. Andrew's. See you there!

### **Remember in Prayer:**

Rob Siddall Chair of the Church Council's father Bob Siddall, passed away suddenly at the Wellington this past week. A service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow. Remember his family in your prayers this week.

Ruth Nichols from Action Marquette, passed away March 16th, 2022 remember her family in your prayers.

Cam Regier who is suffering from long-term covid. There was an article in the newspaper about his story.

Lesley Rempel is in Deer Lodge for physio.

Ross Adamson is in Seven Oaks Hospital.

Jim Henderson, Carol Pawluk and family. Jim's sister Donna Lee Henderson of Brandon, Manitoba passed away suddenly on April 25th.

The Keats family, Don, Bruce and Ken and their families. Shirley Keats passed away suddenly, on May 6. A service was held at St. Andrew's on Monday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Kathy Knowles, who is in Ghana, Africa continuing her ministry with the OCLF (Osu Children's Library Fund) that she began years ago while living in Africa. Her work continues and children are learning the Joy of Reading and have access to books to read.

Sue Bolton as she awaits surgery.

**Connie Drybrough** writes, "Please join us on Thursday, May 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Winnipeg Winter Club to share stories and memories of Dave's life and visit with family and friends."

**Lou Rutledge** celebrated her 98th birthday on May 17 at Tuxedo Villa.

**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 new breakfast program. So far have collected \$398 and sent \$400 off to Oak Table, thank you so much!

## **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?

### **Landscaping:**

P&A are looking for a person or persons (small committee) to care for and maintain the flower urns at the 255 Oak entrance. This would include care and pruning of shrubs/trees along the ramp and Oak Street. We are suggesting a small budget for the flowers or plants. Receipts would be turned in for reimbursement. The timeline would be May to September and would not include any grass cutting or spring/fall cleanup. Please indicate your interest or direct inquiries to John Swan at [swanfam@shaw.ca](mailto:swanfam@shaw.ca)

### **Scripture Readings for next week:**

\*Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

