

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*

Sunday, April 21, 2024



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 19th 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 of 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.

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 on our website.

FIND YOUR PLACE

WASHROOMS: A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

Rita Swan became a Licensed Lay Worship Leader as of December 22, 2022. She preaches for many United Churches around Winnipeg city and area.

Remember in prayer Gladys Mildren, who is in the hospital.

Bible Study will not meet on April 23rd.

Upcoming services

Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

◇ Evan Demeduk will share his story

Sunday, May 5 - Indoor/Outdoor Picnic (wear Red)

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: *Brother James' Air* (God is my shepherd) arr. Dale Wood
The Risen Christ (Woodlands) arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: *(Adapted from Gathering Worship Resources)*

We acknowledge this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers is Treaty 1 land, the Traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples in the heart of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the Inuit and all peoples of this great Land on Turtle Island and their ancestors. Today, this meeting place is still the home of many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are Grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *(Written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies.)*

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

HYMN: **VU747** Psalm 23: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER: *(Written by Rev. Laurie Bayen and Rev. Laura Baumgartner; United Methodist Church)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV41** *O Beautiful Gaia*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of mercy,
You lead us into green pastures,
but our lifestyles put those pastures at risk.
You offer us rest,
but we like to pursue our goals,
whatever the cost to the earth or our health.
You call us to show compassion,
but we are quick to judge others.
Forgive us, and humble us to live with respect
in creation.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *So Still* (words, Emily Carr; music, Brian Tate)

So still were the big woods where I sat,
Sound might not yet have been born.
So still were the big woods,
Feel their protecting spread,
Their uplifting rise,
Their solid immovable strength.

See God in it all,
Enter into the life of the trees.
The silence full of sound.

Everything is green!
Everything is waiting and still.
Everything is alive.

So still were the big woods where I sat,
Sound might not yet have been born.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 John 3:16-24 read by
Robbie Belton
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Katy Harmer - *Year's at the Spring* (words,
Robert Browning; music, Mary E. Caldwell)
Year's at the spring,
Day's at the morn,
Morning's at seven,
The hillside's dew-pearled,
Lark's on the wing,
Snail's on the thorn,
God is in heaven,
All's right with the world!

SERMON

HYMN: **MV126** *Are you a Shepherd?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
May justice and peace reign in our world.
Sung response: **VU833** *Psalm 11*
♪ **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** ♪

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU168** *The Risen Christ* vs. 4

♪ **May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with the oppressed in this and every land, till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity** ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU965**

♪ **The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Processional* William Mathias

Music Note

The text for today's anthem is written by Canadian painter, Emily Carr (1871-1945). Carr found sketching and painting in nature to be a very spiritual experience, and her published journals, from which the text of "So Still" is taken, are beautiful insights into how she viewed the natural world around her. Paired with the simplicity of Brian Tate's music, you can almost imagine the forest she describes, looking at the green trees around you.

Announcements

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from April 15-23. She will be celebrating the 100-year Anniversary of the Church where she grew up and taking her mom. She will also be working on preparation for the spring and summer services for worship. **For Pastoral Care coverage** contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard 431-294-3149 or you can email her at minister@westworth.ca

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.

Thank you to our singers, soloist, Katy Harmer, and our scripture reader, Robbie Belton .

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Outreach speaker series (lounge) @ 9am

Rental—Nolan Kehler (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

ABC (lounge) @ 1pm

Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary) @ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Choir show set-up (auditorium) @ 1pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Choir show set-up (auditorium)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Choir show (auditorium) @ 1:30pm

Choir show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Rental—Melissa Organ practice (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Rental—Melissa Organ practice (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Rental—Melissa Organ practice (sanctuary) @ 11am

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Church Picnic

Rental—MRMTA (sanctuary)

Announcements

The Anna Blair Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge**. Speaking on gardening will be Darlene Karp, president of the award-winning community gardens of East Kildonan. with a special emphasis on container gardening. The congregation is invited to join ABC to hear this outstanding speaker.

The St. Andrew's Senior Choir is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "*Spring Bouquet*" on April 27, 2024. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$25 (12 and under: \$15) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available through the church office Mon-Fri from 8:30am-2:30pm and Sundays after the service in the Narthex.

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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?

Tickets ordered during the week are also available for pickup Sundays after the service. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex, please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

Oak Table recently purchased a new soup kettle. We would love to raise the funds to cover the cost of the kettle - \$3500. Contributions can be made to the Church for the kettle. We appreciate your support. Tax receipts will be issued for this donation.

Scripture Readings for next week:

*Acts 8:26–40

Psalms 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

* This reading is the preaching text

