

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Sunday, May 12, 2024



Mother's Day is a holiday honouring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2024 falls on Sunday, May 12. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Mother's Day was officially recognized in Canada when the Canadian Parliament proclaimed the second Sunday in May as the Mother's Day. Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards, and other gifts. In the United Church we sometimes refer to this Sunday as Family Sunday being more inclusive of all the different nurturing possibilities, not always mothers. It is a time to honour and remember those who have been mothering to us.

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.

A special thank you to the Fellowship Group who prepared the meal on Sunday for our Indoor-Outdoor Picnic. Thanks to all who came out and helped us set up and all who attended. It was a fun time together.

Thank you to all the children who painted the Advent and Lenten rocks. Thank you to Maggie Ragot for naming the garden The Fruit of the Spirit Garden. Thanks to Gordon Shawcross, who provided the planter and prepared it for the garden. Thanks to Jan Demeduk, Evan Demeduk and Jocelyn Carlson, who are our Sunday School teachers and leaders who helped with the rock painting. Thank you for the wonderful gift the children and youth gave to us. Stop by the Oak Street doors and see it for yourself.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost & Communion (children in church)

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.

Mother's Day

GATHERING MUSIC: *O Lord my God (How great Thou art)* arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

Bill Craddock

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY: (*Adapted from Gifts in Open Hands, by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy*)

We walk in the company of the women who have gone before, mothers of the faith both named and unnamed, testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of Wisdom and Healing. They are judges, prophets, martyrs, warriors, poets, lovers, and saints who are near to us in our memory and our dreaming.

We walk in the company of Deborah.

One who judged the people with authority and strength.

We walk in the company of Esther.

One who used her position as queen to ensure the welfare of her people.

We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced.

Ones who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.

We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood.

One who audaciously sought her healing and release.

We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene.

One who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.

We walk in the company of Phoebe.

One who led an early church in the empire of Rome.

We walk in the company of Perpetua of Carthage.

One whose witness in the third century led to her martyrdom.

We walk in the company of Saint Christina the Astonishing.

One who resisted death with persistence and wonder.

We walk in the company of Julian of Norwich.

One who wed imagination and theology, proclaiming wellness as reality.

We walk in the company of Sojourner Truth.

One who stood against oppression, righteously declaring her womanhood in 1852.

We walk in the company of the Argentine Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo.

One who turned their grief to strength, standing together to remember the disappeared children of war with a holy indignation.

We walk in the company of Alice Walker.

One who named the purple hue of womanish strength.

We walk in the company of those who identify as trans and non-binary.

Ones who named LGBTQIP2SA, ones who teach us and help us to understand what it means.

We walk in the company of all the mothers of the faith.

Ones who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, to heal. **Amen.**

HYMN: **VU189** *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* Tune: VU875

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: *New Patterns of Loving* Tune: VU223

♪ **New patterns of loving make room for new ways,
creating new families to care for and raise.**

**All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
are families of choice by the caring they show.**

**Our ancestry marks us with visible signs;
we bear in our bodies genetic designs.
But love, beyond limits of gender or race,
can fashion new families and new ways embrace.**

**God bless all the mothers and fathers today;
help us to raise children to walk in God's way,
to care for each other as children of God,
whose love is inclusive, far-reaching, and
broad. ♪**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024.*

**Great and glorious God, we are tired of thinking small.
When we look for you in all the wrong places
remind us that your Spirit resides within.
When we shy away in shame and regret, help
us sense the fullness of your grace. Lift our
eyes to your glorious presence in our midst,
that we may reflect your glory and grace for all
to see. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *At Home, Let There Be Love* (words
and music, Ruth Elaine Schram)

At home, let there be peace,
Let there be love.

May we be slow to anger and fast to forgive;
May joy and patience abound where we live;
At home, sweet home, let there be love.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

At home, let there be peace,
Let there be love.

May we be kind and gentle and show self control,
Both child and parent, both young and old;
At home, sweet home, let there be love.

As families together we pray
Before our Creator's throne;

May home be a refuge of peace and protection,
A place where Your presence is known.

At home, let there be peace;
At home, sweet home, let there be love.
Blest be the tie that binds.

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Leigh & Jocelyn
Carlson

Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law* by James H Rogers
Great peace have they which love Thy law,
great peace have they, great peace have they;
have they which love Thy law,
and nothing shall offend them,
and nothing shall offend them.
Great peace have they,
great peace have they,
have they which love Thy law.

I have longed for Thy salvation O Lord,
and Thy law is my delight.
Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee;
let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
and let Thy judgements help me,
and let Thy judgements help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
seek Thy servant, seek Thy servant,
for I do not forget Thy commandments.
Great peace have they which love Thy law,
great peace have they, great peace have they,
have they which love Thy law,
and nothing shall offend them,
and nothing shall offend them.
Great peace have they,
great peace have they.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU242** *Let All Things Now Living*

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, Susanne Reimer and our scripture readers, Leigh & Jocelyn Carlson. Thank you to our guest conductor, Sara Clefstad.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We give thanks for families, O God, and we pray for them.

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: *Hail the day that sees Him rise* (Llanfair) arr. John Bertalot

Announcements

Sunday, May 19th, there will be no Sunday School classes. The children will join us in the sanctuary for a special Pentecost Celebration. Special packages are prepared for the children.

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

Scripture Readings for next week:

* Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:22–27

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

* This reading is the preaching text

Pride Parade 2024. Come walk with P2P in the Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 2nd**! The parade begins at the **legislative grounds/memorial park at 11 am** and more details will be released soon about where and when we will be meeting. If your church is interested in walking with us, please contact Abbey at asmsmirl@gmail.com to make sure you get all the information and to contribute to the registration fee if your church is able to do so.

Summer Services

- June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 we worship with Westworth at Westworth United Church.
- August 4, 11, 18, 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

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?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, MAY 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

*Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm*

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 20

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am



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