



Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 26, 2024



Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost. On Trinity Sunday, we honour the Holy Trinity, the Three in One - The Father/Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit. Although the word "Trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in the scriptures. The concept of the Trinity is difficult to understand completely or be rationalized, but it is thought of as One God, three parts or personification as God-Father and Mother of us all, Jesus as The Son and The Spirit as our comforter and guide. Today, we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

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.

If anyone would like to attend the Canadian Bible Society Gala on May 29th, Rev. Karen Lumley has two free tickets to pass on. Dinner is at the Fort Gary Hotel.

The Pride Parade is being coordinated by St. Mary's UC. They will have a decorated vehicle with music playing, followed by walkers. Join in with your church banners and people who want to walk. The parade is Sunday, June 2nd at the legislative grounds/memorial park.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 2 - Pride Sunday

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.

Trinity Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *O God, whose first creative word* (Melita) arr. Robert Hobby

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: *Gathering Resource UCC, 2024, written by: Gill LeFevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.*

As sunlight dazzles on lakes and sunsets blaze through the sky,

let the brilliance of our Creator God's love guide us to see God's way for us.

With the cry of a loon rising up into the dusk, or shouts of children playing in a field,

let the melody of God's love sung through Jesus, help us to receive God's word for us.

Like granite running jagged through the hills, or creeks flowing from source to sea,

let the presence of God's Spirit ground us so we may know God's strength within us.

HYMN: **VU321** *Maker, in Whom We Live*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU316** *Praise Our Maker*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *UCC Resources, Celebrating God's Presence*

Pentecost God, you have given us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it. You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.

You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit, forgive us and set us on fire with your love.

We give to You our guilt and sin and ask for your help to live the way of justice and love through you, God, Creator, Son and Spirit.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Hymn to the Trinity* (words, A.M. Henderson; music, Aleksandr Gretchaninov)

Holy, holy, holy, ever-blessed Lord God Almighty,
Holy holy, holy, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Saints and Martyrs bless and praise Thee,
Angels and Archangels praise Thee, singing:
Heaven and earth are fully of Thy great glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, ever-blessed Lord God Almighty,
Holy, holy, holy, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Amen.

Glory be to God in the highest,
Glory to God the Father,
Glory to the Son:
And to the Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:12-17 read by Susanne Reimer
This is the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Judy Oatway - "A Simple Song" from Mass by Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song:

Lauda, Laude...

Make it up as you go along:

Lauda, Laude...

Sing like you like to sing

God loves all simple things

For God is the simplest of all

I will sing the Lord a new song

To praise God, to bless God, to bless the Lord

I will sing His praises while I live

All of my days

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord

Blessed is the one who praises Him

Lauda, Lauda, Laude

And walks in God's ways

I will lift up my eyes

To the hills from whence comes my help

I will lift up my voice to the Lord

Singing Lauda, Laude
 For the Lord is my shade
 Is the shade upon my right hand
 And the sun shall not smite me by day
 Nor the moon by night
 Blessed is the one who loves the Lord
 Lauda, Lauda, Laude
 And walks in God's ways
 Lauda, Lauda, Laude
 Lauda, Lauda di da di day...
 All of my days

SERMON

HYMN: **VU322** *O God, Whose First Creative Word*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are followers of one God. Three in one.
 Sung response: **VU376** *Spirit of the Living God*
 ♪ **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me." ♪

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
 through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed
 by peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done
 by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, for-
 give us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is
 love,

now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU537** *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*
 ♪ **Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.**
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake. ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV212** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*
 ♪ **Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now**
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
 Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
 The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
 O, help us to obey, and carry out your will! ♪

POSTLUDE: "Trinity" *Fugue in E flat major* J. S. Bach

Announcements

Blue Jean Sundays for Sunday School for May & June. Come dressed casually and be prepared to go outside to discover God's wonderful creation, weather permitting.

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

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, Judy Oatway, and our scripture reader, Susanne Reimer. Thank you to our guest conductor, Sara Clefstad.

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Announcements

Scripture Readings for next week:

*1 Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20)

Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

Psalms 81:1–10

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

Mark 2:23–3:6

* This reading is the preaching text

Summer Services

- June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 we worship with Westworth at Westworth United Church.

Note: Westworth's services will not be live-streamed or recorded during the summer. Please attend in person, their services start at 10:45am.

- August 4, 11, 18, 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

Community Announcement

Sisters of the Holy Rock

Date: June 1st

Time: 7pm

Place: St Vital Parish 1639 Pembina Hwy

Parking: Just behind St Maurice School

Entrance: School gym...blue door

Ticket price: 2/\$50 or \$30 each

Phone for tickets: (204) 284-0881

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?

6pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary)

@ 5:30pm

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, MAY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3pm

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm
P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 10am

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Rental—Holly Harris (sanctuary) @ 3pm

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Rental—Claudette Caron (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Rental—Graeme Leaver (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

