

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**



We mark this day as a time to celebrate the lives of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity. We march with PRIDE with those at the parade at the Forks, in Winnipeg. We celebrate with PRIDE that St.

Andrew's River Heights United Church is an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada since April 12th, 2015.

#### **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.

**Rev. Karen Lumley** will be leaving immediately following the benediction today to join the Pride Parade.

**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:**

Robert & Kathy Maxwell, in the passing of their father, Ian Maxwell, last week.  
Gladys Mildren, who is in the hospital.

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.

## Pride Sunday

*(Prayers & Liturgy adapted from Courage to Love: Liturgies for the LGBTTQ Community by Geoffrey Duncan)*

GATHERING MUSIC: *Two trios in C major* - Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH  
Minute for Church Council - Glenn Neufeld

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Written by Justin Tanis*

In the name of the Creator who made us,

**we celebrate the goodness of our lives.**

In the name of the Christ who came to set us free,

**we rejoice in our diversity of love and life.**

In the name of the Spirit who sustains us,

**we challenge ourselves to grow and to dream.**

God, in your presence we gather, be among us now!

COVENANT TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY: *Written by Jann Aldredge*

**We covenant with our Creator and with one another to celebrate and nurture diversity.**

HYMN: **VU509** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

**We are all chosen by God.**

**We are all loved by God.**

**We are all forgiven by God.**

**May our lives reflect our faith in our words and deeds.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **MV176** *Three Things I Promise*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Written by Kate McIlhagga*

**O God, who knows us in our weakness and befriends us in our chaos,**

**free us from hate and fear; turn pain and anger into tools for healing;**

**open the door to reconciliation and restitution of right relationships**

**between friends and neighbours, between partners, between nations and peoples, that your truth**

**may reign in our hearts, and your peace welcome us home.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Fred Cross – *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord* - Setting of Psalm 100 by Michael Head

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Make a joyful noise, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God.

It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good.

His mercy is everlasting,

And his truth endureth to all generations.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 read by Carol Neufeld  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **MV161** *I Have Called You by Your Name*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lord, hear our prayer **and in your love answer.**

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: **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: *God of Grace* - CWM RHONDDA, setting by Paul Manz

#### 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, Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Carol Neufeld. Thank you to our guest organist, Linda Fearn.

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### Announcements

**Come join us for a walk** to enjoy God’s beautiful creation on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We will begin at the church, proceed to Academy Avenue, pick up coffee or drinks and go to the former site of the Residential School at 615 Academy to sit and reflect at the Memorial site. Then we will proceed back to the church. The walk is about 3 kilometers and all are welcome to attend.

**St. Andrew’s** is facilitating the service at the Wellington on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone with musical abilities can come and help, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley. We thank you for your gift of music.

### Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 9 The UCC 99th Anniversary

### 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.

### Coming Up...

#### **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) @ 5:10pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 6pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 10am

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 6pm

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

Rental—Holly Harris (sanctuary) @ 3pm

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 10**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

### **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?

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:10pm

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

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

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 17**

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

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### **TUESDAY JUNE 18**

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 2:30pm

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

Rental—Raymond Ding (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

