Sunday, August 25, 2024

Summer is a time to be! A time to relax. A time to rest! A time to be with family and friends. Summer is a time to celebrate! Weddings, friends, family and yes, even church. We are glad you chose to be here today or to join us online. If you are from Westworth United Church, we are glad to be partnering with you again this summer. It is good to have services together. Actually, it is great! If you are visiting or new to River Heights feel free to come anytime! Come relaxed in shorts and a T-shirt. Be comfortable! Let's all connect! Let's all be together and just be! Come! As you are. So, enjoy your summer, enjoy your day, and enjoy time together here in this place at this time!

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.

August services Come As You Are-in shorts, t-shirts, capris, jeans, Just Come! Be relaxed! Just Come and enjoy a less formal service and offer a special welcome to Westworth who will be joining us in August and the first week in September.

Remember in prayer Rita Swan, who had a fall causing immobility for at least a few weeks. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Summer Services

August 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

Scripture Readings for next week: 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33, Psalm 130, 1 Kings 19:4–8, Psalm 34:1–8, *Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6:35, 41–51 * This reading is the preaching text

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.*

Unity

GATHERING MUSIC: *Andante (from Sonata in C minor*) Josef Rheinberger
Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: The Abingdon Preaching Annual*, 2021, written by Sudarshana Devadhar*, adapted.
Create a clean heart in me, O God;
and a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!
Hold me in your presence **and send your Spirit upon me.**

HYMN: **VU606** *In Christ There Is No East or West* (tune VU344)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: *Gathering, Pentecost 2024, written by: Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.*
And we invite others to join us in its light.

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: HYMN: **VU333** *Love Divine All Love Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering Resource for Ministers, 2024, written by Curtis Tufts, Saltcoats, Sask.*
We need forgiveness, God, for we are not the people you would have us be, and we are not the people we would like to be. Time and again, the love that lives within us remains unspent. Time and again, the compassion that stirs inside us remains restrained. Time and again, the life of abundance you call us to live and share remains only a dream. Forgive us and set us free to be all we can be... *(a moment of silent prayer)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Aaron Hutton – *You've Got A Friend* by Carole King
When you're down and troubled
And you need some lovin' care
And nothin', nothin' is goin' right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come runnin'
To see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knockin' at your door

Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come runnin', runnin', yeah, yeah
To see you again

Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes, I will
You've got a friend
You've got a friend

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-16 read by Kathy Wilson
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU402** *We Are One*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
O God, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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, Aaron Hutton, and our scripture reader, Kathy Wilson from Westworth.

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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: *In Christ there is no east or west* (McKee) arr. Dale Wood

Announcements

Help! Pick up of the barricades and signs for the street closure for the Celebration Sunday are needed for Sunday, September 8th. Pick up on Friday, September 6 at 1101-1155 Pacific Avenue. A van or truck is needed. Contact the office or Rev. Karen Lumley if you can do this.

Hello Westworth and St. Andrew's Walkers:
We're heading east of River Heights across the Assiniboine next Tuesday (27th) to the Gates (not the restaurant!) East, Middle and West Gate make for a nice walk, along with Blanchard, a street that cuts across all three. We'll meet at 10:15am at East Gate and Blanchard - both streets have ample parking - then start our walk at 10:30am by viewing the river from East Blanchard Park. (It's not really a park, just a path part-way down to the Assiniboine with a bench or two along the way.) We'll then head back and walk the 3 Gates; they're treed so have shade.
If coming from River Heights, head over the bridge on Sherbrook and turn right at West Gate (Cornish Library is on the corner). Mid-way down, turn left at Blanchard (street across from Westgate Mennonite Collegiate) and drive across to Eastgate. If parking on Blanchard, you'll have to do a 3-point turn so you're parking on the correct side of the road. Or you can turn right off Sherbrook at Wolseley, right at Furby, left at Cornish, right at Eastgate and park along the street. Blanchard is about halfway down.

If it's pouring rain, we'll postpone the walk for a week. If it's 'misting' or a light drizzle and you want to walk, we'll still meet in rain jackets!

Hope to see you there! St. Andrew's folks meet at St. Andrew's at 9:45am.

Coming Up…

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
Wedding Renewal Lauren Hamilton & Michael Eiffert in Aubigny, MB

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Rental—Ron Sison (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

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.

Stewardship Seconds

In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

CELEBRATION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH
255 OAK ST.

Barbecue at 11:30

Hotdogs, chips, drinks all free!

Bouncy after the service ends til 1:00

BRING A CHAIR

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