

HOPE



Sunday, September 15, 2024



We began our new Church Year outdoors last Sunday with Celebration Sunday and it was great! This fall, beginning this Sunday, until Thanksgiving we are celebrating God's wonderful Creation. We will be reflecting on *Act Fast, -Spiritual Practices for A Climate in Crisis, edited by Alydia Smith*. Last Sunday was Creation Sunday and this Sunday is Lamenting and Hope for God's Creation. Come join us. All are welcome!

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.

Thank you to all who helped with CELEBRATION SUNDAY. To the children and youth who helped to set up, Sunday School families, Fellowship and partners who did the food, worship, sound system folks, and council members who all worked together to get everything set up and cleaned up. Thank you.

Sunday School has begun! Register your children and youth. NEW Youth Sunday School (grades 9 and up) class meets in the lounge every Sunday after Children's time.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be away on Study Leave from Monday, September 23rd until Friday, September 27th. She will be attending DUCC (Diaconal Ministers of the United Church of Canada) meetings in Drumheller, Alberta.

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.

Lamenting & Hope

Resources adapted from: *Act Fast* edited by Alydia Smith-Spiritual Practices For a Climate in Crisis

GATHERING MUSIC: *Morning has broken* (Bunessan) arr. Michael Burkhardt
This is God's wondrous world (Terra Beata) arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Adapted from the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Be the Church: Protect the Environment*

Whether we live near mountains, in the plains or on the prairies;

We are one in Christ.

Whether we live on the East Coast, West Coast or somewhere in the middle.

We are one in Christ.

Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape.

We are one in Christ.

In a spirit of unity, caring for one another and for all of creation.

We are one in Christ.

HYMN: **VU296** *This is God's Wondrous World*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU852** *Psalm 130 (Up from the Depths I Cry to God)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Adapted from the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Be the Church: Protect the Environment*

Creator God: Sometimes, we forget that this Earth is completely yours. Sometimes, we neglect to remember that these lands were made by you for all of creation and the creatures not just us humans. Sometimes, we think we know better and believe that we are entitled without remembering whose hands made this creation.

**For the times we neglected to remember you when rejoicing at Creation,
for the times we neglected to care for Creation when given the opportunities, for the times we
neglected to remember that you formed each human in your own image, forgive us, God.
Help us to remember whose hands made the soil, the foliage, the birds, the snakes, and each
and every person on this planet. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (text, F.S. Pierpoint; music, John Rutter)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love, which from our birth,
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,

Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:18-27 read by
Leigh Carlson
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Katy Harmer - *God's World* (text and music,
Mary E. Caldwell)
I felt the rain upon my face,
Its clean wet smell was in my hair.
It washed the earth with silver tears
And left it shining sweet and fair.

I watched the snow come slowly down
Like fragile lace on leaf and tree.
Perhaps the down of angel wings
So gently soft and white must be.

I saw the sun awake thy world
From dark and fearsome night set free.
So shall thy touch upon our soul
Call us in heavenly love to thee,
Call us to thee.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU307** *Touch the Earth Lightly*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Receive our prayer.

Sung response: **VU732** *Psalm 8*

♪ **O God, our God, how glorious is your name
in all the earth!** ♪

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU538** *For the Gift of
Creation*

♪ **for the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our
hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that
we give.** ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU298** *When You Walk from
Here*

♪ **When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in G major* J.S. Bach

Announcements

Niigaan Sinclair is an Indigenous speaker, columnist, and professor at the University of Manitoba. He will be our guest speaker on Sunday, September 29th, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Coffee and Bannock will be served after church for a time of questions and conversation with Niigaan Sinclair. Mark the date on your calendar.

Bible Study has been changed to Wednesday mornings and will begin on October 2nd from 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge, all are welcome to attend.

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, Leigh Carlson.

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More Announcements

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. Contact the Church office if you are interested in attending.

Remember in prayer:

Margaret Follet (Tuxedo Villa) has COVID and is isolated in her room until she tests negative.

Rita Swan - Great news! She is able to bear weight on her leg and begin physiotherapy. Her dizziness from her concussion is the issue now.

Scripture Readings for next week

Genesis 1:26-31
Psalm 24

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday School begins

Rental—Groundswell (sanctuary) @ 12pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 10am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

ABC (lounge) @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Truth & Reconciliation Service @ 10:30am

Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (board room) @ 10:45am

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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) @ 6:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Robert H Smith (sanctuary) @ 9:30am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

