



Sunday, September 29, 2024



We began our new Church Year last Sunday with Celebration Sunday. This fall, 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 we reflected on Reconciliation with a special guest speaker, Niigaan Sinclair. This Sunday is Stewardship of God's Creation. We are glad you could be with 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.

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.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

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.

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.

Stewards of Creation

GATHERING MUSIC: *Air* Eric Thiman
O Lord my God (How great Thou art) arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2024* written by Catherine Tovell, London, Ontario.

This is the day that God has made.

Let us give thanks to God for this day.

We are gathered in and among Creation that God has entrusted to us.

Let us give thanks to God for this created world.

Let us use this day wisely and care for God's created world.

As we worship, we ask God to empower us to be responsible stewards of Creation and all that is in it.

HYMN: **VU297** *All Praise to You*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV37** *Each Blade of Grass*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Act Fast*, pg. 23, written by Jessica Hetherington, ed. by Alydia Smith,

Loving God, I know that it is you;

You who created the Earth on which I walk,

you who created me and my children

and all the children who will come after.

I know that it is you

who created in me a love for the Earth

and a love for Jesus.

But it is me who is out of line;

out of line in how I live

on this earth and in this place.

Hear my cry:

How do I change my ways?

Help me, O God, in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* (words and music, Joel Raney; based on Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my Soul;

Let all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And remember God's great mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

Let earth and sky and heaven bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And sing God's praise forever.

Bless the Lord, whose almighty power
Renews our strength when hope is gone.
Bless the Lord, whose abounding love
Can take an empty heart and fill it with a song!

Bless the Lord, O my Soul;
Let all that is within me bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And remember God's great mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
Let earth and sky and heaven bless God's holy
name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul:
And sing God's praise forever.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
And sing God's praise forever.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Susanne
Reimer
Responsive Psalm: **VU751** Psalm 24
Reading: Genesis 1:26-31
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Fred Cross - From *The Creation* by Franz
Joseph Haydn
Recit: And God said, let the waters under the heav-
ens be gathered together to one place, and let the
dry land appear; And it was so. And God called the
dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters
called He the seas, and God saw that it was good.

Aria: Rolling in foaming billows, uplifted roars the
boisterous sea. Mountains and rocks now emerge,
their tops into the clouds ascend. Through the
open plains outstretched, broad rivers flowing
many twisting circles. Softly purling, glides along
through silent vales the limpid brook.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU303** *For Beauty of Prairies*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

As you receive the prayers of all Creation, receive
our prayers.

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, Su-
sanne Reimer.

Sung response: **VU732 Psalm 8**
♪ **O God, our God, how glorious is your name in
all the earth!** ♪

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: **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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
(Lobe den Herren) arrangements by Johann Wal-
ther and Alan Viner

Announcements

Rev. Karen Lumley will be leaving immediately
following the service as she is officiating at a
friend's service at 1:00 today.

Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley	klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
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Announcements

Scripture Readings for next week

VU754 Psalm 27

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Get Your Groove On! If you like that nostalgia music from the 60's and 70's, St. Andrew's has a concert for you! Songs made famous by groups like The Beatles, Mamas and Papas and ABBA. The concert features the 'Groovy Things' quartet led by our very own Bill Quinn. It is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, Oct 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Tickets are available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office.

**Get Your Groove On
With
"The Groovy Things"**

Experience the 'Groovy Things' as they sing live vocal arrangement! Come and groove to the Mamas and Papas, the British Invasion and Hits of the 60's and 70's. Great Harmonies backed by 6 musicians to enhance that Pops sound.

Saturday | **19** | **2024**
October

Time: 7:30pm **Tickets: \$20.00**

Location: St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak St. Winnipeg MB

Contact St. Andrew's Church Office to reserve tickets and make payment
Phone (204)-488-1130 (Office open Mon-Fri)
or Email office@standrewsriverheights.com

Tickets also available at the door

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?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 7pm