

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6, 2024



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 being Stewards of God's Creation. This Sunday is Discipleship in Creation and World Communion Sunday. 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 is on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge, all are welcome to attend. We will be studying Books 1-18, highlighting Psalms 1, 2, 8 & 9.

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.

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness* (Communion hymn VU 463) arr. Johannes Brahms

Praise with joy the world's creator (Lauda anima) arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Act Fast, pg. 79 adapted from Rev. Michelle L. Torigian*

Come, dream a world as God dreamed a world **rich with vegetation.**

Come, dream a world as God dreamed a world **pleasant in sight with trees shadowing the earth.**

Come, dream a world as God dreamed a world **delicious with fruits bursting forth from the ground.**

Come, dream a world as God dreamed a world **in balance and at peace.**

Come, dream a world as God dreamed a world **as we gather together in this place to worship and follow our God.**

HYMN: **VU312** *Praise with Joy*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU598** *When Pain of the World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Act Fast, pg. 39, written by Jessica Hetherington*

God, through the prophets and through Jesus, you call us to follow you.

Help me to hear the call of discipleship: to build my house on stone and not on sand, to receive Jesus' words and act on them.

In this time of climate crisis, help me accept the call to take climate action, to work for Earth healing, to be transformed in my actions and so, in my relationship with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 read by Carol Neufeld

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *Go Into the World* (text, adapted from Matthew 28:19-20; music, Natalie Sleeth)

Go ye, go ye into the world
And make disciples of all the nations.
Go ye, go ye into the world
And I will be with you there!

Go ye, go ye into the world
And take the Gospel to all the people
Go ye, go ye into the world
And I will be with you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches,
Ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you the reflection
Everywhere.

Go ye, go ye into the world
Tell the story to all believers.
Go ye, go ye into the world
And I will be with you there!

SERMON

HYMN: **VU469** *We Gather Here*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Communion Setting D VU941/942

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God most holy.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Creator God.
You formed the universe in all its wonder,
gave us all that we could need,
made us caregivers of all that you have made.
Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.

We give you thanks for the amazing diversity of creation:
from the prairies and lakes to the dusty deserts,
from the majestic mountains to the vast seas.
Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.

We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity
with our complexity of color and culture,
called into oneness-of-being through Christ.

With many tongues, yet with one voice, we worship you:

Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.

We are grateful...
...sing your praise:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Bless'd is the One who comes, who comes in God's name. Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

Mighty and tender God...
...proclaim the mystery of faith:
♪ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** ♪

Send, O God ...
...now and forever.
♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!** ♪

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Life-giving God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

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: *Let us with a gladsome mind* (Monkland) arr. Albert Travis

Announcements

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. Lesley Fox, a former minister here, who is in Kingston, Ontario with her mother who is dying

Congratulations to Rev. Fox on her marriage, in Scotland to Rob Coles, this past week. Lesley met Rob while she was deployed in Europe. She will be retiring at the end of December, pursuing more art in retirement. She and Rob will go back and forth between Scotland and Canada.

ABC Group, next meeting is on October 22, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

Gabrielle Roy Museum, 375 Deschambeault Street, St. Boniface.

Admission is adults \$8 & seniors \$5. The Group will meet at the Museum at 1:15 pm.

It's always nice to learn about people from Winnipeg. All are welcome. Please let us know if you are attending. Message Kay Shawcross or Carol Neufeld at cawneufeld@hotmail.com Thank you. After visiting the Museum, we will go to Iris McKay's house for Tea, coffee, and dainties. Iris has graciously agreed to host.

Scripture Readings for next week

VU824 Psalm 100

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 and our scripture reader, Carol Neufeld. Thank you to Fred Cross who co-led communion and to the communion servers.

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Announcements

Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 13th - Thanksgiving Sunday.

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 Mamas and Papas and The Beatles. The concert features the 'Groovy Things' quartet led by our very own Bill Quinn. Is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, Oct 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Tickets available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office.

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Harvest Supper is back! Join us on Sunday, November 10th with seatings at 4:30pm & 6pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$6 for youth (ages 5-12) & children under 4 eat free! Tickets are available through the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm and Sundays after church service in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.

We need your help to make the supper successful. Please sign up to help with anything that you are able to, sign up sheets are at the back of the church, or you are welcome to email Iris McKay (imckay@mymts.net) or the church office. We thank you so much for your support.

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?

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 60s and 70s. Great Harmonies backed by 6 musicians to enhance that Pops sound.

Saturday October 19 2024
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



ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024
SEATING TIMES: 4:30PM OR 6PM

TICKETS:
ADULTS: \$25
YOUTH: \$6 (AGES 5-12)
CHILDREN 4 & UNDER: FREE

To avoid disappointment reserve your seats today by calling 204-488-1130

Location: 255 Oak Street downstairs in the auditorium

wine available for purchase


