



**Sunday, July 13, 2025**



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and spoke in different languages, preaching to all the people there who heard the message in their own language. It must have been an amazing sight to behold the Spirit descending upon the disciples. That same Spirit is available to us as Christians to teach us and to empower us to continue the work of the disciples and Christ. Pentecost was on June 8th, and the season of Pentecost lasts until November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent.

**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. Jeff Cook** retired in 2023 after 39 years in ministry. Jeff served four years in Saskatchewan Conference, then served 35 years in team ministry with Rev. Carol Fletcher at Transcona Memorial United Church. Jeff and the Rev. Walter Farquharson co-authored the book "An Audacious Invitation: A Reflection on the Gospel According to John." Jeff was a nominee for Moderator in 2012. He enjoys writing, sketching, and reading, and has been learning to play the Bodhran (the Irish flat drum).

**A special welcome to Westworth United Church**, who are worshipping with us for the next 3 Sundays as part of our partnership. In August and the first week of September, we worship with Westworth at their church.

**It's summertime;** dress casually and comfortably for church

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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.

## Order of Service

GATHERING MUSIC: *Fantasy in C major* J.S. Bach  
*Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth* (St. Crispin) arr. Healey Willan

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU562** *Jesus Calls Us*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

This is a new day of God's creation!

**We gather to worship on God's new day!**

We gather to worship as a community of God's new creation!

**We open our hearts to the new life God is birthing!**

We open our hearts to the love of God experienced in Jesus the Christ.

**We open our hearts to the love of God in our midst.**

**Let us worship in faith and thankfulness!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER:

**God, inspire us to perceive You each day in the wonder, the mystery, the silences and the moments of grace. Give us hearts of compassion to be people of reconciliation and compassion. As companions of Jesus, give us courage to love with the love embodied in Jesus. We pray in the name as disciples of the resurrected Christ. AMEN**

CHILDREN'S TIME/STORY FOR ALL

HYMN: **VU582** *There's a Spirit in the Air*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, we speak of Your love, Your amazing grace, Your wonder. We speak of Jesus as saviour and redeemer. We can recite creeds and prayers from memory. All of these are voiced expressions of our faith, but there is more to being faithful. When we fail to also express our faith in acts of neighbourly compassion, when we fail to offer friendship and help to those who hurt or are oppressed, when we fail to express Your love through our living, then remind us God... remind us again and again and again...that we disciples of both word and action, and let us be agents of Your love. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Sarah Schellenberg - *The Servant Song* (Words & Music Richard Gillard, arr: Betty Pulkingham)

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey thro'.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Reading: Psalm 82

Gospel reading: Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Air in B flat* Gottlieb Muffat

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **MV182** *Grateful* (refrain)

♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV214** *May God's Sheltering Wings*

♪ **May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you  
May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love,  
and hold you in her love.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Allegro moderato* (Finale) Robert Hughes

**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, Sarah Schellenberg, and our scripture reader. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook.

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## Announcements

**Congratulations** to this week's soloist, Sarah Schellenberg, for receiving the G.H. Waters Hymn Sing Memorial Award from the Manitoba Choral Association! The award is a tribute to David Waters, who was a producer and director of the CBC TV show, Hymn Sing.

From the MCA website: "The intent of this award is to recognize the significant role that participation in school, community and church choirs plays in the development of a singer's love of music and the decision to further their studies in music with the goal of a professional career." Sarah is entering her fourth year of voice studies at the University of Manitoba, and we are blessed to have her singing in our choir. Congratulations!

**Packages for the children** are available at the back of the church. You can ask the ushers and greeters if you did not receive them when you came in.

**Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave** from July 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. She is celebrating her 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**The recording** of the Sunday morning services will take a summer break from Sunday, June 29, to September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Fred, for your faithful service of recording and editing all year long.

### **Remember in Prayer**

- Ardelia Burrow, who is in the hospital due to a fall.
- Iris McKay is recuperating from a heart attack and is thankful for the good care she received in the States, where this hap-

pened.

- Joan Wilton and Robert Maxwell in the passing of Bernard Boland, a beloved husband and stepfather. The service will be held on Monday, July 14th, at 2:00 p.m. at 603 Wellington Crescent (Unitarian Church).

**During the month of July**, the office works under reduced hours:  
-Tuesdays 9am-12pm  
-Wednesdays 9am-3pm  
-Thursdays 9am-3pm  
These are the hours the office will be physically open.

**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.

### Coming Up...

#### **MONDAY, JULY 14**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 15**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm*

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **MONDAY, JULY 21**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **MONDAY, JULY 28**

## **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.

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#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 31**

*Rental—Jan van der Hooft (sanctuary) @ 1pm*

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 11**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

*Kyle Du Val (sanctuary) @ 9:30am*

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **SU\*NDAY, AUGUST 24**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm*

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

