

MOTHER'S Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 24th, which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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. Dr. Ray Cuthbert was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and, in addition to pastoral duties, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006. Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg.

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from May 4th to May 14th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149, call Westworth at the church office 204-489-6974; or email at Westworthminister@westworth.ca

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.

Mother's Day

GATHERING MUSIC: *Trumpet Tune and Air*
Noel Rawsthorne

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

CANDLE LIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Today, we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers,
aunties,
and all the women who have loved us.

Thank you, God, for giving us mothers.

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways
they
demonstrated their love for us.

**Sometimes we did not understand them,
but we know that God understood.**

We take time to remember our mothers
because a mother's love is most like God's love.

**For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom,
for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give
thanks today.**

HYMN: *New Patterns of Loving* Tune: VU223

♪ **New patterns of loving make room for new
ways,
creating new families to care for and raise.
All those who have loved us and helped us to
grow
are families of choice by the caring they show.**

**Our ancestry marks us with visible signs;
we bear in our bodies genetic designs.
But love, beyond limits of gender or race,
can fashion new families and new ways em-
brace.**

**God bless all the mothers and fathers today;
help us to raise children to walk in God's way,
to care for each other as children of God,
whose love is inclusive, far-reaching, and
broad. ♪**

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU387** *Loving Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Divine Lover,
Your life pulses in each of our hearts,

and your love permeates each of our lives.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

Your care sustains us in each moment,
and your compassion guides us in each situation.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

When we fall, you lift us,
when we fail you restore us,
When we are wounded, you nurse us,
when we grieve, you weep with us.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

But, we have failed to love as you do,
**We have abused our bodies and those of oth-
ers,
we have filled our minds with selfish dreams,
and violent plans,
we have made our hearts cold and empty of
compassion,
we have forgotten our spirits,
and distorted your image within us.**

As a mother disciplines her children,
we ask you to discipline us;
As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who
hurt her,
we ask you to forgive us;
As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with
their siblings,
we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one an-
other.

In Christ's Name.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

ANTHEM: *Love* (Roger Gittens, text and music;
based on 1 Corinthians 13)

I may speak like angels,
Have the gift of prophecy,
Understand all mysteries,
But none of this means anything without love.

If my faith moves mountains,
And I give to charity,
If I boast of suffering,
None of these means anything without love.

Love is patient, love is kind,
Has no envy, hurt, or pride.
Faith and hope and love abide,
But the greatest one of these is love.

Prophecy will disappear,
(But love will never end)

As for tongues, they'll cease,
(But love will never end)
Knowledge, too, will fade away,
(But love will never end)
None of them meant anything without love.

Love is patient, love is kind,
Has no envy, hurt, or pride.
Faith and hope and love abide,
But the greatest one of these is love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Linda Paul
Reading: Acts 17:22-31
Gospel reading: John 14:15-21
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: *How Do We Love God?*

HYMN: **VU701** *What Does the Lord Require*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Loving God, we know your love
because we have mothers.

**We thank you for the mothers
who carried us in their wombs,
nourishing, protecting, and bringing us
into the world.**

We thank you for the mothers
who did not give birth to us,
yet loved us just the same.

**With gratitude we remember their words of
encouragement**

**when we have felt unsure or afraid;
we thank you for their kindness when the
world has treated us unkindly;
we thank you for their soft,
comforting arms and
the gentle way they kissed away our tears;
we thank you that they protected us
with the fierceness of a lioness
protecting her cubs;
we thank you for the times when they
corrected us
rather than letting us continue down
wrong paths.**

Help us to live so that their investment in us
might not be in vain.

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, Linda Paul. Thank you to our
guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ray Cuthbert.

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**We honor our mothers with lives of service to
you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in
his Name we pray. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Andante (from Sym-
phony)* Josef Haydn

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:

VU581 *When We Are Living*

vs. 2

♪ **Through all our living, we our fruits must
give.**

**Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving
we belong to God, we belong to God. ♪**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU582** *There's a Spirit in the Air*
vs.7

♪ **There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world. ♪**

POSTLUDE: *Let the merry bells ring round* (from
L'Allegro) G. F. Handel

Music note

Our anthem is by Roger Gittens, a composer, jazz
musician, music educator, and church musician
from Barbados. Gittens has been writing music for
his church choir for many years, and now his com-
positions are starting to find their way to the choral
community beyond Barbados. His compositions
combine many influences, including jazz, calypso,
gospel, and reggae music, and he is an active
jazz keyboardist. "Love" has a definite reggae feel
to it and is a very catchy tune!

Announcements

Girl Guide Cookies are being sold by Jocelyn Carlson, who is off to a culture exchange in Quebec this year. Cookies sold help to support this and the regular operating costs. Elise Bennett and Meaghan Cole are also selling cookies for their programs.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, May 17th - Worship with Rev. Karen Lumley
- Sunday, May 24th - Pentecost, Confirmation, Sacrament of Baptism & Communion.
- Sunday, May 31st - Regional Council Sunday @ Westworth United Church

Coming Up...

MONDAY, MAY 11

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, MAY 18

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Rental—RHS Trivia Night (auditorium) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Rental—Theresa Thordarson (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 25

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Rental—Cynthia Booden (lounge) @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1pm
Rental—Marge Chomoway (lounge)

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 6pm

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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.

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Rental—David Book club (lounge) @ 10am

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Rental—Tuesday Royko (sanctuary) @ 9am

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Rental—Christelle Gregorchuk (sanctuary) @ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

