

BEARING WITNESS

Sunday, May 17, 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.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, May 24th - Pentecost, Confirmation, Sacrament of Baptism & Communion.
- Sunday, May 31st - Regional Council Sunday @ Westworth United Church

Blue Jean Sunday School for children & youth for May & June. Dress casually to be outside, weather permitting.

Joan Stevenson has moved to Riverview Palliative Care. Remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Bearing Witness

GATHERING MUSIC: *Let all things now living* (The Ash Grove) arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

CANDLE LIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 1-Year A, written by Anne Miner-Pearson, pg. 108.*

Clap your hands, all you people.

Shout to God with songs of joy.

God has gone up with a shout.

Sing praises to God who rules over the earth.

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Let all the people gather to praise the Lord.

HYMN: **VU173** *Thine is the Glory*

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU536** *Born in Song vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 1-Year A, written by Anne Miner-Pearson, pg. 108.*

Gracious God, you left us with a charge to carry your word to the ends of the earth, but we are weary. You left us with a challenge to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, but we are cautious. You left us gazing upward and standing idly by; some of us are still there. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with power from above. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Somebody's Callin' My Name* (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Brazeal Dennard)

Hush, hush, Somebody's callin' my name

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

I'm so glad that trouble don't last alway!

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time.

(Hallelujah, Lord! Oh, glory, Lord!)

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord what shall I do?

Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room.

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord what shall I do?

Hush, hush, Somebody's callin' my name.

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-11 read by
Susanne Reimer
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU586** *We Shall Go Out with Hope of
Resurrection*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Lord, hear our prayer **and in your love answer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Rise up, believers!*
(from Cantata 134) J.S. Bach

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
VU581 *When We Are Living*
vs. 2
♪ **Through all our living, we our fruits must
give.**

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, Susanne Reimer. Thank you to
Derek Morphy for conducting today.

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**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: *Gigue* (Let them praise His name in
the dance Psalm 149:3) Douglas Wagner

Music Note

This week, Katy is in Victoria, BC, attending Podium, the national choral conference, for some professional development, and then a few days of vacation in Vancouver to visit family and go to the aquarium! Thank you to Derek for conducting this morning's anthem.

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name is a traditional Negro Spiritual that, like many Spirituals, is a yearning for freedom and release from enslavement. It can be read as a coded message for those trying to escape their enslavement ("keep quiet, someone will come and call you away"), and/or as a funeral song where the deceased is ready for the freedom of heaven. Brazeal Dennard, who wrote this arrangement, was a Black composer from Detroit, and much of his life's work was in the preservation of Spirituals through his arrangements and his ensemble, The Brazeal Dennard Chorale.

Announcement

Remember in prayer David Bergman and Iris McKay, who are in the hospital.

Coming Up...

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
Choir wrap up (lounge) @ 8pm

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31

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

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

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)
@ 8:30am

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Rental—Lili Wang (sanctuary) @ 1pm
Rental—Claudette Caron (sanctuary)
@ 6pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @
6pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Rental—Cynthia Booden (lounge) @
12:30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Rental—Manitoba Choral Association
(sanctuary) @ 7pm
Council meeting (board room) @
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Rental—Holly Harris (sanctuary) @
5:45pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @
2:30pm

