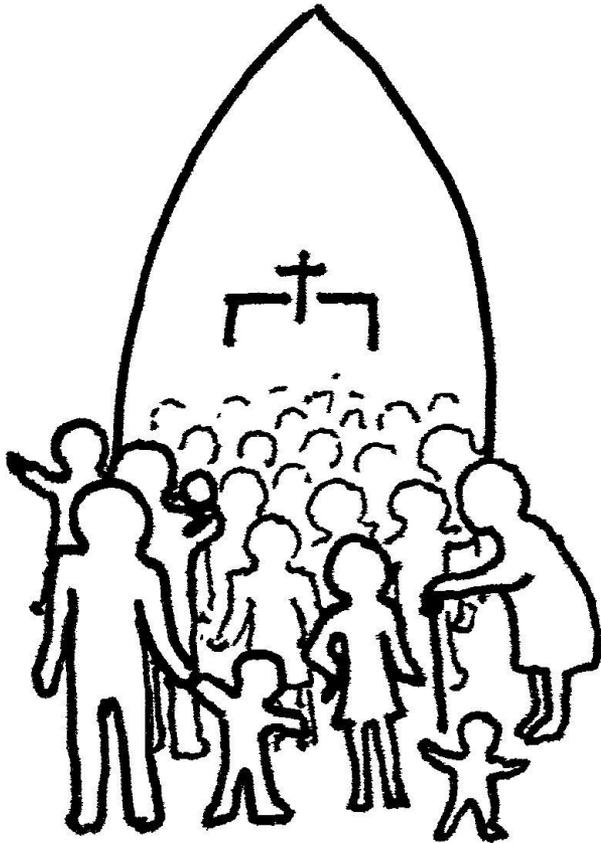


# ***ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH***

Harvey Station, New Brunswick

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If you are curious and have come to explore...

If you are weary and have come to rest...

If you are grateful and have come to give thanks...

If you are hurting and have come for solace....

If you are listening and have come to pray...

If you are seeking and have come to join fellow seekers...

***PJILA'SI ❖ WELCOME ❖ BIENVENUE***

**September 20, 2020**

*Celebrating the Season of Creation*

## GATHERING

### **Music to Welcome Us**

*the asterisk \* indicates rising in body or spirit*

### **Welcome & 'This Week' at St. Andrew's**

*Notices, birthdays and anniversaries, significant events, Candle of Concern*

### **Entry into the Celebration ~ Lighting the Christ Candle**

*the Christ candle is lit*

#### **\*Invitation to Worship**

*Robin Wardlaw*

Waves upon the lake...

...our call to move.

Plants and trees putting forth their fruits...

...our call to give.

Birds calling out at dawn...

...our call to sing.

Spirit moving over water, land and air...

...our call to worship.

#### **Gathering Prayer**

*Suzanne Edgar*

**Holy Spirit of God, you are the root of our being, may we welcome your love, your joy, your wisdom, wherever they appear. We give you thanks for your life within us, and we ask for healing of our bodies and spirits, that we might be part of the healing of the whole world. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

## GROWING WITH GOD

**Story "Partners"** from *Does God Have a Big Toe?* By Marc Gellman

### **Dragon Talk ~ Learning Together**

#### **Prayer for the Day**

*Thomas Carruth, adapted*

The kingdom of love is coming because:

**somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,**

**somewhere someone shares with another in need,**

**somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,**

**somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,**

**somewhere someone returns good for evil,**

**somewhere someone serves another, in love,**

**somewhere someone is calm in a storm,**

**somewhere someone is loving everybody.**

**Help that someone to be me. Amen.**

## CENTERING

### **Centering Silence**

*William L. Wallace*

Now, in the silence of this moment

## **may we give thanks for another day...**

*Moment for Silent Reflection*

### **Music for Reflection**

#### **EXPLORING**

*Eternal God, in the reading of scripture, may your word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.*

### **Wisdom from our Religious Tradition**

“God Makes a World” *Genesis 1*

*The Family Story Bible by Ralph Milton*

Psalm 33:1-9

John 1:1-14

### **Learning Together**

#### **AFFIRMING**

#### **\*A Celebration of Faith**

*Dorothy McRae-McMahon, adapted*

We celebrate a God  
**who lives and speaks in sunsets,  
in love-wrapped gifts,  
and fleeting butterflies.**

We celebrate a Christ  
**who honoured our humanness,  
who climbed trees,  
skinned knees;  
who laughed and cried,  
loved and wept, bled and died.**

We celebrate a Spirit,  
**who mystically joins us  
to people everywhere,  
and incorporates us into Christ.**

We celebrate a church,  
**seeking, however imperfectly,  
to act justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with our God.**

#### **We Dedicate Our Gifts ~ Prayer**

#### **Prayers from our Hearts ~ The Prayer that Jesus Taught**

#### **SCATTERING**

**Blessing for the Way**

**Music to Send Us Out**

## **Welcome back! We're so glad you are here!**

It is so good to be back together again. We need you to help keep us safe, healthy and together under one roof! Please wear a mask and sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the church building. Respect 2 m (6 feet) distancing while in worship and in our parking lot. Your ushers are here to help you get to where you need to go. If you have a question or concern once you are seated, raise your hand and an usher will be there to help.

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## **NEEDED: Pictures of your pets and animal friends!**

On October 4, we will be Celebrating the Season of Creation by honoring and blessing the creatures that make our lives better. Dogs, cats, horses, hamsters, guppies, bearded dragons - real dragons - whatever your pet (or favorite stuffy) send me a photo (or if it's a stuffy, bring it with you to church on October 4!) to [rev.christinejohnson@gmail.com](mailto:rev.christinejohnson@gmail.com)

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## **Thank You!**

### **Thank you! In this time of transition your generosity helps!**

Your ongoing support of the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's United Church means that we can keep doing what we've always done – care for each other and our neighbours in this time and in this place.

**Together we do important work.**

Here are the best ways to financially support the ministry we share:

**Offering plates are located at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary for your envelope and/or loose offering**

### **Through e-transfers:**

The email address to use is: [standrewsharvey@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsharvey@gmail.com)

**Through PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) for your ongoing financial support: <https://www.united-church.ca/.../f.../resources/par-brochure.pdf>

### **By cheques:**

Harvey Station Pastoral Charge – St. Andrew's United  
137 Arnold Little Road  
Harvey, NB E6k 1S7  
Attn: Sabina

### **Also, donations can be received through Canada Helps:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/.../harvey-station-pastoral-char.../>

## ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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### *Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory*

*For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.*

*We are gathered on the unceded traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq peoples and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.*

**WELCOME** A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.



St. Andrew's United is equipped with a hearing loop. To enjoy better hearing in the loop, switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to one of the following settings:

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- T-Coil
- Telephone

**FOODBANK SUNDAY** is the last Sunday of the month. Locally, our ongoing support of the Food Banks is vital. Offerings of food and financial support enable many people to have access to the food they need.

**Children are an important part of our church and are always welcome in worship.** For now, regular Sunday school programming is taking a break. Until Sunday school resumes, there are weekly 'children's church' pew packs available for active minds and bodies. You can find them at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you missed them on the way in and want one, please raise your hand and an usher will get one for you. **Please take your pew pack home with you following worship.** While our nursery facilities are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, both washrooms in the CE Centre are equipped with changing tables. Nice to see you! We are glad you are here!

### **Ways you can support our ministry at St. Andrew's United Church**

Sign up to be a Sunday morning usher or to lend a hand with cleaning. Come to one of our monthly Zoom gatherings like *Theology on Tap* or *Coffee and Conversation*. Play an instrument or sing a solo during worship. Like and share our Facebook posts. Use PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for sharing financial gifts. There are lots of ways to support our shared ministry. Together we make a difference. For more info contact Rev. Christine at rev.christinejohnson@gmail.com or 366-3220