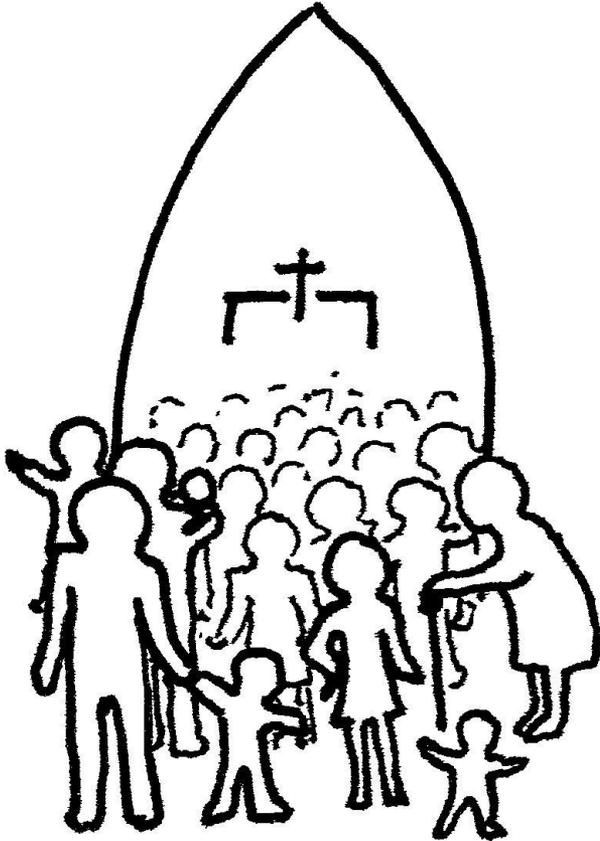


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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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

October 11, 2020

Celebrating the Season of Creation and Thanksgiving

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**

God, we are here.

We are ready to say "thank you!"

For each day,

for our families and friends,

for all that we receive,

for your love.

We are here.

We are ready to say "thank you!"

Gathering Prayer

We pray: **God of the season, God of the harvest, you bring forth new life and sustenance with every breath you breathe. Reaching out into the vast starry night sky and delving deep into the earth's bounty, you fill the world with good food and riches. Spirit of life, we thank you for the bronzing of the leaves, and the passing of the seasons to make way for a future filled with possibilities, potential, and hope. May it be so. Amen.**

GROWING WITH GOD

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

G. Kowalski

Let us now open ourselves to the sacred silence of this place.

**Breath of God, flowing free,
flow in and through us,
to cleanse and bring a new beginning,
a fresh start,
right relationships
and peace.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Solo

“Called by Earth and Sky”

Heather Donnelly

EXPLORING

Wisdom from our Religious Tradition

Psalm 65

Learning Together

AFFIRMING

Prayer of Gratitude

God, giver of all good, you have blessed us beyond our imagining. Thank you for the precious gift of life: for the joy of being alive, for eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to think and imagine, hands to help and create, voices to speak and sing, legs and feet to walk and dance, hearts to love. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, God.

Thank you for the children in our lives: for sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and the children in our communities, for their laughter and energy, their questions and their trust. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, God.

Thank you for the women in our lives: for mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, daughters, friends; for the many ways they bless us and encourage us. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, God.

Thank you for the men in our lives: for fathers, grandfathers, husbands, brothers, sons, friends; for the many ways they bless and enrich our lives. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, God.

Thank you for our church family: for the faith we share, for the ties of love and caring that bind us together, for opportunities to grow and learn and serve together. For those that usher and clean and build and share and care and teach. Those who play and sing. Those who do the typing and the math and fill out the forms. For those who run the computers and answer the phones. For those who reach out and lift up. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, God.

Thank you for this planet earth you have created and given to us to enjoy and take care of: for grass to play in, for dirt to dig in, hills to climb, forests to explore, lakes and rivers and oceans to swim in, pure water to drink, food to nourish and strengthen us. If we have only one prayer to pray, let it be:

Thank you, 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 during our time together 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.

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.

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:

- T
- 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