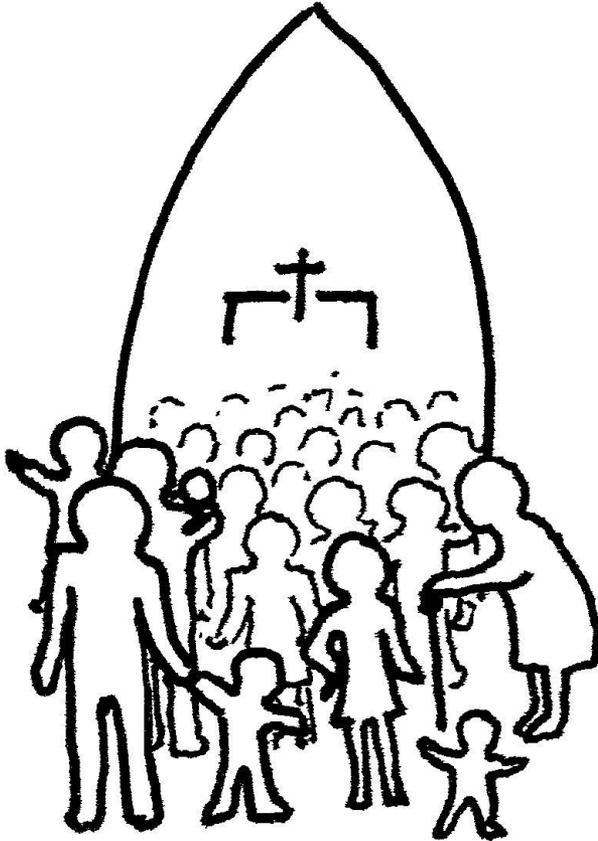


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

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

Interactive Call to Worship

Elsa Anders Cook

Today, we begin again to wander into the unknown as we have done so many times before. We enter in a city full of life and love where it feels like anything and everything is possible, but where still so much could go wrong. The days ahead will hold death and destruction. There will be grief and devastating loss but all of that is still unknown just as it was one year ago when this pandemic first became real.

We didn't know. We couldn't know and so we listen closely for what good news might feel like now. Listen for good news and respond with your whole body so that every time you hear "God is good," you reply, "All the time, God is good!" Each time you hear "gates," you respond, "Prepare the way!" Each time you hear "Jerusalem," you respond with booming organ music that sounds like "Duh duh daaa." Every time you hear "the people shouted," you fill in their response with "Hosanna!"

Give thanks to God
for God is good.

Give thanks to God
for love that knows
no limit. God loves
across every boundary
and division. God's love
opens the gates.

Love makes a way
through every city
and village but on
this day when still
so much feels unknown
and the future is hard to see
God's love makes
way into Jerusalem.

God's love opened
that city's gates.

Nobody really knew why
this was happening.
The disciples made
preparations in Jerusalem.

Once they got to that city
near the Mount of Olives,
they did just what Jesus
had told them but they did not know
what would come next.
They couldn't have believed it
even though they knew that
God makes a way where there is no way,
even though they believed
with all their hearts and minds
that God is good.

Give thanks to God
for something was happening
that day. God's love is
always busy moving
and changing what
we think we know
and that day was no
different when
love paraded
through Jerusalem.

There was a sense
that things could be different
as the people shouted:

We come today
with the same hope
trying to believe with
all our hearts and minds
that God is good.

We open our hearts
as the city opens its gates.
Prepare the way!
Like the people throwing
palm branches and cloaks
on the ground,
we are shouting just
as the people shouted:
Again, the people shouted:

Gathering Prayer

**Today we celebrate, God –
because we know the story.
We celebrate that Jesus
walked with his disciples,
talked with his people,
was loved by his family.
We celebrate that, through them,
we have come to know him.
Help us, we pray,
to see ourselves in his Story.
Help us, we pray,
to make his story ours.
In his name and in your love, we ask it.
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

E-L Belcher

Let us now take a moment to settle into the silence.

Hear and feel your quiet breathing.
Hear and feel the quiet of this place
and this community of people.

In this quiet hour may our spirits be renewed.
May our minds be open to new truth,
and our hearts be receptive to love,
as we give thanks for this life we are blessed to share.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Solo

“The King Is Coming”

Nancy Durelle

EXPLORING

Readings from our Faith Tradition

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Mark 11:1-11

Reading “Coming to a City Near You”

Carol Penner

Reflection

AFFIRMING

We Dedicate Our Gifts ~ Prayer

Prayers of the People ~ The Lord’s Prayer

SCATTERING

Closing “Let Us Journey with You”

Spill the Beans

***Blessing for the Way**

Elsa Anders Cook

May we have courage as
we move into the unknown
that awaits us. We do not go alone.

Love will carry us.

The nights ahead will be long.

Love will carry us.

It will not be easy
and we may fear
nothing will ever change.

Love will carry us.

We go now together
into the unknown.

Love will carry us.

Music to Send Us Out

Welcome! 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. At the end of the service remain in your seat until your usher dismisses you. Please exit the building immediately after you are dismissed so that we can begin cleaning.

Thank you! Your generosity matters!

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.

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 PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – email Sabina for info

Through e-transfers:

The email address to use is: standrewsharvey@gmail.com

By cheques:

Harvey Station Pastoral Charge

c/o Sabina Little

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Special Events Holy Week & Easter

Journey Through Holy Week

March 29 - April 2, 12 pm on Facebook Live

Join us each day at noon during Holy Week for midday prayer as we journey with Jesus through Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 7 pm on Facebook Live

Good Friday - April 2, 3 pm on Facebook Live

Easter Sunrise Service - April 4 beginning at 6:45 am on Facebook Live

Easter Sunday - April 4, 10:30 am on Facebook Live*

services marked with an asterisk* will also happen in-person in our sanctuary

Holy Week Kits for Families are available for pick up **TODAY**, Sunday, March 28. If your family would like a kit, please see Christine or your Member of Session (Elder).

Rev. Christine is on vacation/study leave April 5-25 (back on April 26). In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Marilyn Henry to be connected with the minister on call.

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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 Foodbank 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