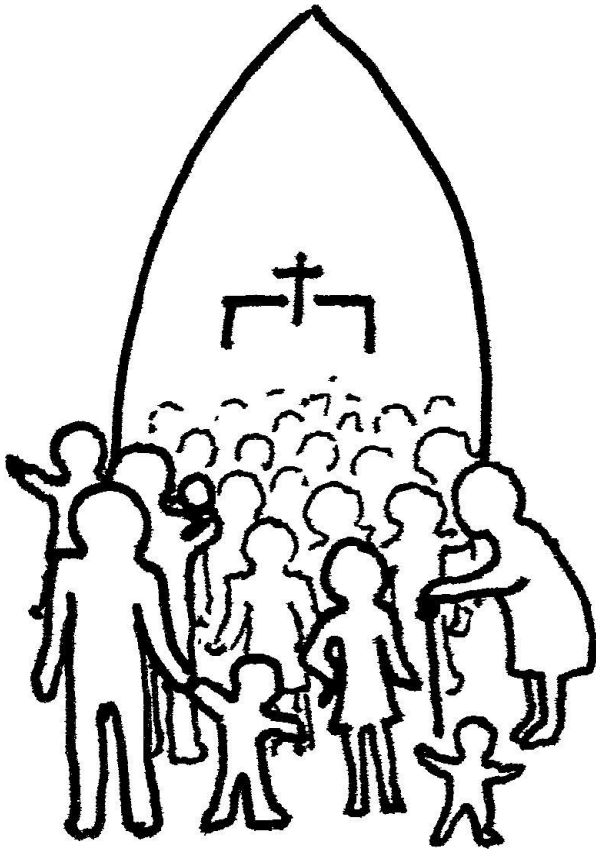


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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

April 18, 2021 – Earth 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

***Invitation to Worship**

We are one flock,

we are called to be one in community.

We have boldness before God

because we know we are loved and known

and so, in the same, way let us love each other, siblings and cousins.

not only in word or speech

but in truth and action—let us join together as one flock to worship the one God. **Amen.**

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, Heart of Creation,

you know us and call us into bold service.

We come together this day to celebrate your creation,

the beautiful streams that surround us and provide us with food and water, and that are often the centre of our communities.

We come to hear hard stories of where our still waters have been lost, communities broken. Open our hearts to hear the cries of our family, of partners in Canada and abroad so that we may be empowered to act in love for one another. For you are our shepherd, who leads us toward green pastures. Amen.

Music

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

Moment for Silent Reflection

Music/Solo *Like a Healing Stream*

EXPLORING

Wisdom from our Religious Tradition

Acts 4:5–11

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

Reflection

Music for Reflection

AFFIRMING

We Dedicate Our Gifts

Loving God,

bless these gifts and all the ways in which we give.

**May each of our gifts be a part of co-creating
and tending to the love, safety, belonging, and dignity**

You envision for the world. Amen. – *Worship Ways*

Prayers from Our Hearts ~ The Prayer that Jesus Taught

SCATTERING

***Blessing for the Way**

- Worship Ways

Music to Send Us Out

Today's worship service (except where otherwise noted) was sourced from United Church of Canada Worship Resources, In Truth and Action, A Service for Earth Day.

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 our volunteers can begin cleaning.

Deadline for April **FundScrip** orders is today. If you do not have your order with you, you can email it to desdoucette@gmail.com and pay the church via e-transfer at: standrewsharvey@gmail.com. Just reference FundScrip in the message box.

We welcome Heather Donnelly as our worship leader this morning. 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. While Rev. Christine is away, the worship livestream on Facebook will be unavailable. You are invited to join us for worship in person at St. Andrew's United on April 18 & 25, at 10:30am.

Drive-Thru Food Drive: Wednesday, April 21- Drop off at the CE Centre door: 12-1 pm. See Facebook for more details. Locally, our ongoing support of the Foodbank is vital. Offerings of non-perishable food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and financial support enable many people to have access to the food and essentials they need.

Donations suitable for school lunches are in high demand. Here are a few things that are on the Foodbank Wishlist

- juice boxes
- applesauce cups, fruit cups, Jell-O cups
- canned ham, chicken, and other canned meats.
- canned and/or microwavable cups of pasta meals like spaghetti rings, ravioli, ABCs&123s, etc.
- granola bars, fruit snacks, packaged cheese & crackers, etc.

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

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.../>

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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

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