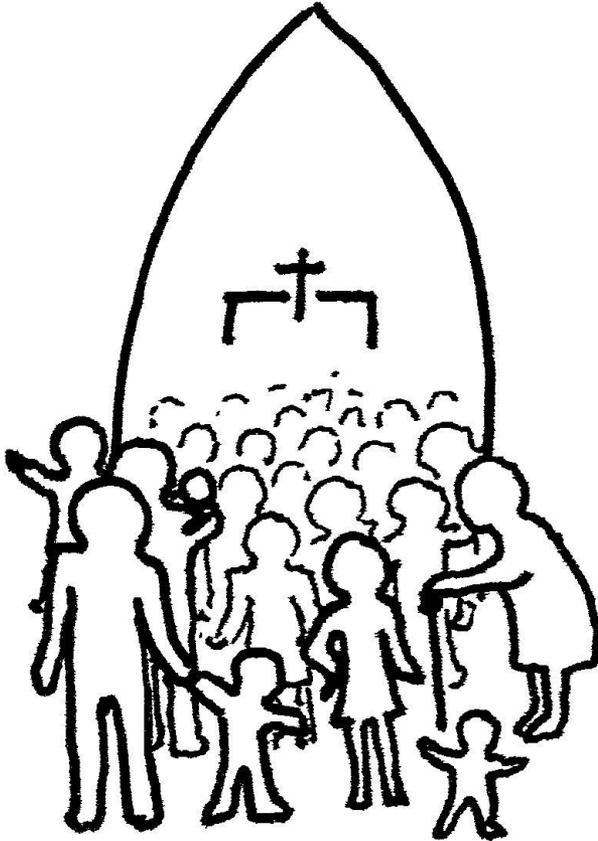


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

GATHERING

*the asterisk * indicates standing in body or spirit*

Gathering Music

***We Affirm Our Faith**

But death was not the last word.

**God raised Jesus from death,
turning sorrow into joy,
despair into hope.**

We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.

We sing hallelujah.

By becoming flesh in Jesus,

God makes all things new.

In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering,

God empowers us to live in love.

In Jesus' crucifixion,

God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.

In Jesus' resurrection,

God overcomes death.

Nothing separates us from the love of God.

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Lighting the Christ Candle

the Christ candle is lit

***Easter Acclamation**

The tomb could not hold Jesus!

New Life has been born!

The empty grave; Easter's surprise,
brimmed full of meaning as death itself gave way to life.

New Life has been born!

Even the earth could not contain the bud of life ready
to blossom into newness!

New Life has been born!

Mary and the other women, Easter's unlikely messengers,
told of how their emptiness had been filled with joy!

New Life has been born!

The tomb is empty, but we are full! The world is full!

New Life has been born!

Full of life! Full of hope! Full of love!

New Life has been born!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

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

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

Gathering Prayer

We pray: God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been open wide. With the dawn has come a new creation. Let our celebrations today empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release your power; through the risen Christ we pray. 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

How good it is to be alive!

Yes, we feel the beat of our own hearts, the pulsing of life in our veins, the rhythm of our breathing. We come into the silence of this time with gratitude for this day.

We come with our needs.

And we come because we have gifts to share. In our coming and in our going may we be strengthened in our bonds of love and peace.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Solo

“Because He Lives”

Beverly Little

EXPLORING

Traditional Gospel

John 20:1-18

Reflection

AFFIRMING

We Dedicate Our Gifts ~ Prayer

We Covenant with our Elders, Committee Members, & Officers Statement of Purpose

Friends we celebrate with joy and gratitude
that you have been called by God,
and chosen by the people of St. Andrew's Congregation
for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility.
It recognizes your special gifts
and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf.
We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God,
and to all God's people.

Covenant Questions and Promises

As you carry out the duties of your office,
let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

to the elders/committee members/officers

As a disciple of Jesus Christ,
will you continue to live out your faith
with praise and thanksgiving?

Will you carry out your responsibilities and duties
in this congregation with integrity and joy?

I will, God being my helper.

to the congregation

Will you as members of St. Andrew's United Church
honour the leadership of these people?

Will you assist them through daily prayer,
generous support, and personal example,
so that together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

We will, God being our helper

Prayer

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen.

Declaration

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as elders, church officers, committee members, and leaders of St. Andrew's United Church.

Music

Celebrating Community: Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Jesus Christ, you meet us;
your hands still wounded,
your breath warm,
and your conversation engaging.
Death has not changed your accent
And though this world
still shows signs of imperfection,
the good news is that you have destined it
and all its people to be made whole.

**So, as on that Easter evening,
we gathered in your house.**

Join us.

Come among us friend and stranger.

**Meet us here that we might be filled with the
new life you offer us.**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Communion Prayer Thanksgiving

Friends hear the good news

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

A day begun in mourning and fear
has turned to joy and witness.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

A table left for the shadows of the garden
has become a table drenched
in the light of One mistaken for a gardener.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Come from the north and the south,
the east and the west,
come from your fears and grieving,
your lost hopes and forgotten dreams –

and come to a table set with grace and power
that will not be deterred.

For Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Your steadfast love, O God, has ever been before us.

**Even when we have lost sight of that love,
you God do not forsake us.**

By the urgings of the prophets,
by the witness of faithful ones,
you sought us out

with a love that would not let us go.

And in the fullness of time,

you made that love and seeking incarnate.

In birth that pointed to good news for all.

**In life and ministry that embodied
grace and justice and compassion.**

In passion and death

that challenged the core of our fears.

**In raising that unmasked inability
of death itself to destroy that love.**

**In all these things, you have revealed yourself
and your good for us in all creation.**

In bread broken, make whole our brokenness.

In a cup poured out, fill us with your never-ending love.

From a table first formed on the eve of death,

send us from this table for the sake of life;

Our life and the life of the world.

For Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Breaking of the Bread ~ Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion ~ The Lord's Prayer

SCATTERING

Blessing for the Way

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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Harvey, NB E6K 1S7

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 person in at St. Andrew's United on April 11, 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.

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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