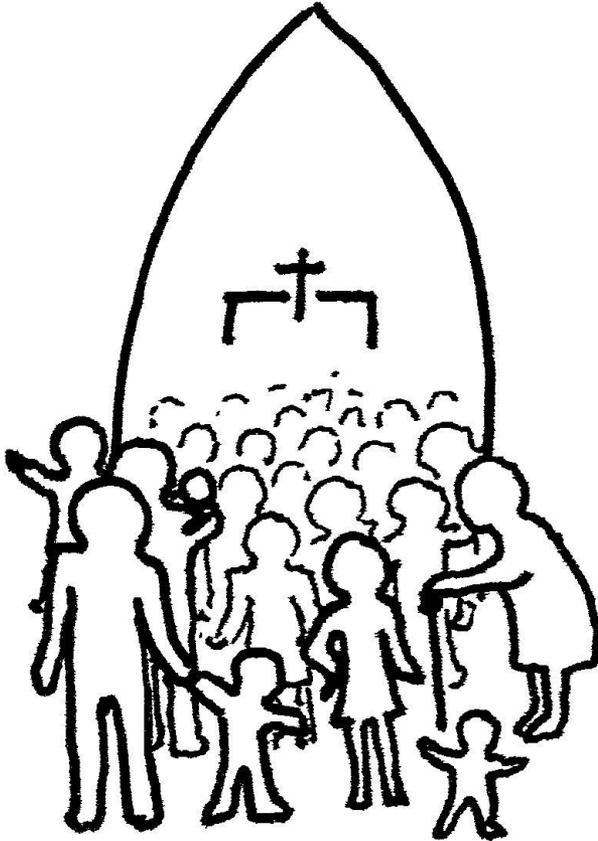


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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

May 2, 2021

Easter 5

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

Opening Sentences

Spill the Beans

The gardener is coming with
twine and shears.

A bonfire is smouldering in the corner of the vineyard.

Are you ready to be pruned
and reconfigured?

Are you ready to let go of your independence and become part of something bigger?

“I am the real vine,” Jesus said.
“Stick with me.”

Gathering Prayer

Spill the Beans

**God of planting and harvest,
growth and nourishment,
we see you everywhere and in everything.
The natural world gives us so much
to enjoy and use physically,
to ponder and reflect on emotionally and spiritually.**

**We see that everything is connected:
soil, sun and rainfall;
chemistry and biology bringing seed to harvest;
engineering and creativity making products
fit for plate or glass.**

**Connections run deep within your created world,
and we, your people, are in the middle of it all,
linked to each other—entwined with nature herself.
Forever remind us of how you call us
to not just be consumers of your world's products,
but stewards too of all that is beautiful and special.**

**Living God,
let your natural world thrive into eternity,
a reminder for all people of your divine glory.
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

Rex A. E. Hunt

So gathering as we do in this sacred place,
we pause again to reflect, to feel, and to commit
to thoughtful and mindful intention.

**We wonder again about the ebb and flow
of this living, breathing, expanding universe...
And of this community.**

We give our attention right now
to each other,
to new beginnings,
to this time,
to this season.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Music for Reflection

EXPLORING

Readings from our Faith Tradition

John 15:1-8

Reflection

AFFIRMING

We Dedicate Our Gifts ~ Prayer

Prayers of the People ~ 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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The UCW will meet at 2:30 in the CE Centre on Wednesday May 5, 2021. Please wear your face mask and observe COVID protocols.

Session Meeting, May 5, 7pm on Zoom

May 15 – June 4, 2021

Stroll for Your Soul with the Prayer Bench & Kereru Publishing

Stroll for Your Soul offers 21 days of accompaniment through a brief email delivered early each morning to your inbox. Each email will offer a practice, or a reflection, or a video, or a photograph giving direction and encouragement to your time spent strolling (or rolling, skateboarding or running.)

The Stroll emails will help you notice the green and growing glories of Spring. They offer practice at paying attention and being in the present moment. Weave silence and mindful reflection into your daily walk around the neighbourhood or even over to a door or window to look out with intention.

Deepen your awareness of seeing the Divine in the ordinary and practice being in the present moment with daily Stroll for Your Soul emails. Our 2021 Theme is Homes. Each day we'll share a unique habitat with you and words about those who make their home among us. Some in burrows, some in nests, some in oceans, some in stables, and some who carry their home. Perhaps you'll see these homes on your Stroll. Maybe not. Each one, though, has a spiritual lesson for us.

Come Stroll with Janice Maclean of the Prayer Bench and Caroline Bindon of Kereru Publishing in New Zealand. They explore the unique spirituality of their landscapes from very different parts of the world. In 21 daily emails, they celebrate unique habitats by sharing everyday experiences with reflections, videos, scripture and photographs and experiential prayer. Come Stroll together.

To sign up email Christine rev.christinejohnson@gmail.com

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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 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