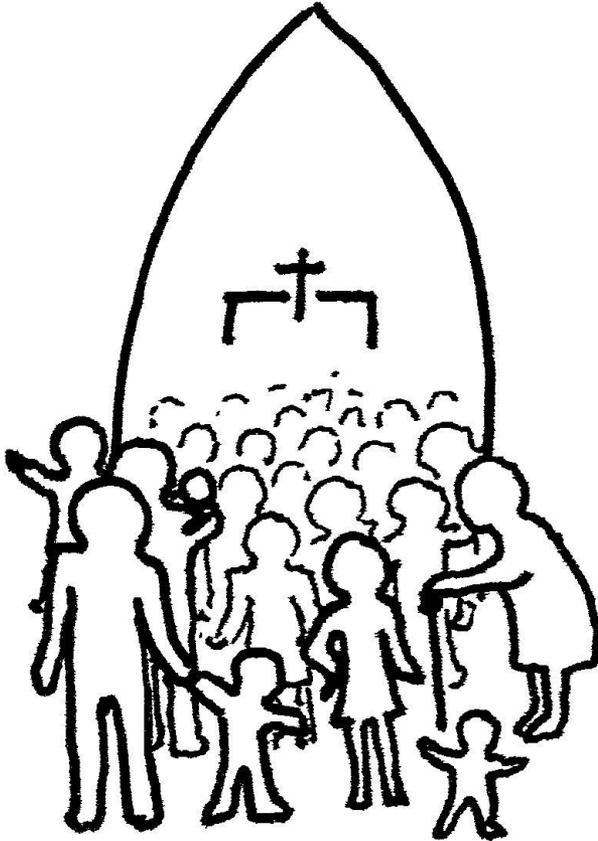


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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 9, 2021

Celebrating Christian Family 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

Opening Sentences

Creator, parent of the human family,

we gather to worship you.

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

we gather to worship you.

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

we gather to worship in song, in prayer,

in readings from your story/our story,

in thoughts and reflections.

Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. We pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our nuclear family and within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, we sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or ... whatever it is that keeps us from loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others.

time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns

Promise of Forgiveness

Through all the joys and all the struggles of living in relationship, one truth is offered to each and every one of us:

God has loved us, is loving us and will always love us.

Thanks be to God for this unending gift of love.

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

Tim Haley

Let us again listen to the silence of this sacred space.
A space made ready for us by willing hands.

**Amid all the noise in our lives,
we take this moment to sit in silence:
to give thanks for another day;
to give thanks for all those in our lives
who have brought us warmth and love;
to give thanks for the gift of life.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Solo “Love Will Be Our Home”

Alicia Little

EXPLORING

Prayer of Illumination

O God of story, in the beginning you created humankind. The Bible contains your story of love and encouragement and challenge, to your creation, to your children, and to us. Today, may our hearts and minds be open to hear what your Spirit is saying to us. We pray. Amen.

Readings from our Faith Tradition

John 15:9-17

Reflection

AFFIRMING

Minute for Mission ~ A Prayer for Mother's Day

Invitation to the Offering ~ Prayer after the Offering

Prayers of the People ~ The Lord's Prayer

SCATTERING

***Blessing for the Way**

Music to Send Us Out

“Kin to One Another: Worship Resources for Christian Family Sunday” by Jackie Harper
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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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FundScrip: Due to the long weekend, the deadline for FundScrip orders will be Sunday, May 23, with delivery on May 30.

UCW Defibrillator Project: The UCW is collecting funds to provide a defibrillator for our church. We hope to purchase it later this year, and you can help us reach our goal. You can make donations through the building fund, and tax receipts will be issued. Please donate through Janet Blair, just like you would for a Building Fund donation, and mark it clearly for deposit to the Defibrillator Fund. Would you like to write a cheque? Make cheques out to out to the St. Andrews United Church Building Fund and noted Defibrillator in the memo section. Thank you!

Last Chance to Sign Up!

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:

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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