



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



June 23, 2024.

6th After Pentecost/Canada Day Service

Our Mission Statement

"St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach."



"Celebrating Our Country"
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Sunday Worship Service

(June 30, 2024 - 6th after Pentecost/Canada Day Service)

Worship Leader: Mr. Merle Milson
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Cheryl Lamkey & Donna Curtis

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU # 523, "O God of All the Many Lands"

Welcoming Words

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Linda McKinnon*

Jesus, you assure us that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you are there. We light this candle to remind ourselves to celebrate your constant presence. On this Candle Day weekend and always, may we seek your guiding light in our lives.

(As candle is lite, we sing): VU # 585 vs. 1 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light.

Like a little candle burning in the night.

In this world of darkness, so let us shine.

You in your small corner and I in mine.

***Hymn:** VU #524, "O Canada"

Call to Worship:

L: Come together, Be present, Sing Loudly.

All: Today is our day to shout loud hosanna and celebrate God's call to us.

L: As we worship together, help us to discern God's will for us this day.

All: For in worship, we offer praise, and in reflection, we will find God's message for us.

Opening Prayer:

L: On this Canada Day weekend of planned activities, special events, and national celebrations, we come before you, God to remember the value of Sabbath, the need for holy rest and renewal.

All: In a time when we feel pushed and pulled in many directions, help us come together, opening our hearts to each other that we might appreciate all the blessings we have received from You. Help us that we might celebrate your grace and be so changed by it, that we might go forth into the world shining your light and love on those we meet.

L: Bless us in this time of worship that we might carry forth blessings into the world. Amen.

Hymn: VU #291, vs. 1,2,4,5 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer of Confession:

L: Each morning we rise, convinced we know what we are supposed to do, of who we are supposed to be.

All: We confess that we sometimes convince ourselves that we are all we need, that we know all we need to know, that we have done everything we could and can.

L: We give up on new beginnings and unknown pathways because we are afraid, because we are too comfortable, because we don't want to risk all that we have.

All: Forgive us for believing that we don't need you, O God. Forgive us for not listening or hearing. Forgive us for the times when we just want to do what we are most familiar with, and not answer your call.

Prayer of Assurance:

Be assured, people of God. When we fail God does not. When we avoid, God seeks us out. When we forget, God calls us back. When we disengage, God builds relationships. God forgives us, God loves you, and God calls you to new life, again and again. Amen.

Announcements of the Life and Work of the Church – *Jeanne Breau*

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Holly Daley*

Creator God, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus have given us deep and meaningful stories to guide us and to show us the path you wish us to follow. We are most grateful for this summer season when things are quieter, and we can digest all you are calling us to learn and live. Thank you for this time of pausing

to receive and reflect upon your story so we can truly work on understanding your plan for us and the world. Amen.

***Psalm 72** VU # 790 (Parts 1-3)

New Testament: Acts 4: 1-4 and 23-31

Ministry of Music: “Bless This Land”

Reflection on the Word: “The Dominion of Canada” and the Need for Prayer

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn:** VU #341, vs. 1-4 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Minute for Mission: “*Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice*” - video

Birthday Box for WDR: (*sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering, for June’s Birthday’s*)

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;
May God’s richest blessings, now rest upon you.
These gifts we now share, to show that we care
for all of God’s children, here and everywhere.**

Offering:

***Offertory Choral Response:** VU #541, “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

With open hearts and open spirits we come to you, God most holy. With all that we have and all that we are, we bring our offerings and we lift our voices in prayer and celebration that you mean everything to us. May your spirit fill our words. May your spirit fill our actions. May your spirit fill our lives. May our offering show our devotion to you and to your ministry on Earth. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU 374, vs.1-3 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Prayers of the People:

***Closing Hymn:** VU #586, vs. 1 & 2 “We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection”

***Benediction:**

L: May blessings abound around you this day.

All: Feeling God’s loving presence among us, let us go forth into the world, allowing our light to shine on all we meet.

L: And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of god, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

***Choral Closing:** VU 509, (chorus only) “Here I Am Lord”

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dawn & Austin Jenkins and Family on the death of Dawn's niece, Tara (Matheson) Newcomb.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Theodore & Jean Williston**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Don & Judy Bowman, Helen McCormack.

In loving memory of **Theodore Williston**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dave & Brenda Hicks.

In loving memory of **Gordon Dobson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dave & Brenda Hicks.

Graduate

Missed from our Graduation Booklet was Ben Sweezey.

Congratulations and Best Wishes Ben Sweezey.

Ben is a 2024 graduate of James. M. Hill Memorial High School and one of two Salutatorian's.

Ben Sweezey is the son of Cynthia Sweezey and Jeff Sweezey and big brother to Abby and Emma Sweezey. Ben is the grandson of Bill & (the late) Donna Sweezey.

Ben plans to attend Mount Allison University to study towards his Bachelor of Science Degree.



Worship:

1. Welcome everyone who is worshipping today with us.

2. Worship Volunteers:

▪ **Greeters:** **July 7** – Marina Tilley & Wanda MacDonald/**July 14** – Joan MacKnight Savoy & Marjorie MacPhee/**July 21** – Gail Arsenault & Ferne MacLean/**July 28** – Cathy O'Brien & Linda Laviolette

▪ **Sound System:** **July 7** – Paul Rose/**July 14** – Brian Savoy/**July 21** – Don Bowman/**July 28**- Ernie MacLean

▪ **PowerPoint:** **July 7** – Mary Reynolds/**July 14** – Barry Campbell/**July 21** – Jennifer Walker/**July 28** – Karen Rose

-**Offering Collectors:** **July 7 & 14** - Debbie Stymiest, Cynthia Duplessie, Jeanne Breau, Ferne MacLean

▪ **Offering Counters:** **July 7** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**July 14** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**July 21** – Betty MacDiarmid & Don Bowman/**July 28** – Dennis & Judy Morrison

- **Mowing of church grounds** – **Week of July 7th** – Dennis Morrison & Brian Adams/**July 21** – Brian Savoy & Don Bowman

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, June 9th \$ 830.00

Weekly Par Collection \$ 1,287.23

Total for Week of June 9th \$ 2,117.23

This Week:

1. Church Office hours:

Monday – closed; Tuesday – closed, Wednesday thru Friday 9-3

Upcoming Week:

2. Monday, June 8th – 1:30 p.m. – Exercise Class here at St. Andrew's. People are invited to wear their comfy clothes, bring a pillow for your feet (if you so choose) and a water bottle. Bring a friend.

2. Good Used Clothing Sale will be happening here at St. Andrew's on **Wednesday, August 28th from 9-1; Thursday, August 29th from 9-6 and Friday, August 30th from 9-4.** Any donations of good used clothes (nothing stained or ripped), footwear, purses, jewellery or linens may be dropped off during regular office hours and placed into the Christian Education Room.

Fundraising:

1. We are on our last month of ticket sales for the gift baskets, with our draw being August 5th. We are doing great with sales but we need to sell, sell, sell, if we want this to be our biggest fundraiser yet. Tickets can be picked up from the church office to sell or purchase.

Community Events:

1) The Annual Strawberry Social at the Historical/Senior Hall, 419 Burnt Church Rd., will be held on **Wednesday, July 13th** from **2-4pm**. Only **\$9.00** p.p. in an air-conditioned building. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Church River Inc. All are welcome.

2) Community breakfasts all summer long! Sundays - July 7; July 28; August 18; September 8; and September 29 – from 9 am to 12 noon at Father Morrissey Centre in Bartibog. Eggs, 2 meats, baked beans, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Adults: \$10. Youth under 13 years: \$6. Everyone welcome.

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.



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