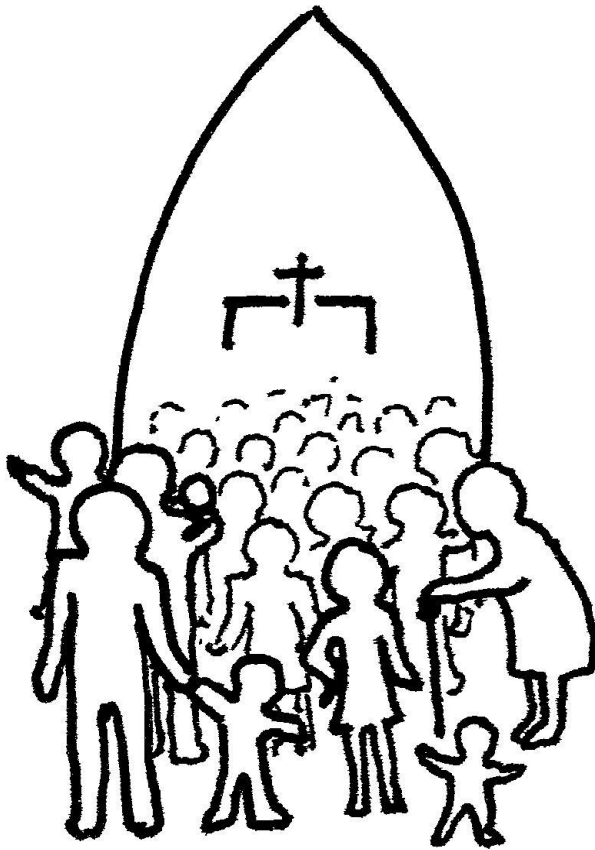


ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Harvey Station, New Brunswick



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

February 25, 2024

Lent 2

GATHERING

Music to Gather Us

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

Entry into the Celebration - Lighting the Christ Candle

the Christ candle is lit

***Gathering Song**

MV 79 (refrain)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

Invitation to Worship

The journey of Lent –

is the journey of life.

The journey of Lent –

is the journey of learning.

The journey of Lent –

is the journey of discipleship.

The journey of Lent –

is a time for prayer.

So, come, people of God.

Come, disciples of the Christ.

In all of our journeys –

let us worship God.

Hymn

“New Every Morning”

VU 405

Gathering Prayer

We pray: **Spirit of Life and Love, we have gathered in this sacred place, again. May we create here a circle of love, ever-expanding, ever-growing. A place of wisdom. A place of connection. A place of hope. May it be so. Amen.**

GROWING WITH GOD

Learning Together

Prayer for the Day

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 loves everybody.
God, help that someone to be me. Amen.

Song of the Season “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

MV 18

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CENTERING

Centering Silence

Come apart from the busyness of family and work,
and dwell in the presentness of God, our dynamic source of being.

**God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose
as we gather with others who are searching.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Music for Reflection/Choir Selection

EXPLORING

Readings from our Faith Tradition

Mark 8:31-38

Hymn

“Lord Speak to Me”

VU 589

Reflection

AFFIRMING

We Offer Our Gifts - *Offertory - *Prayer

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

Reflections and Prayers

We are people of all stages of faith and life who enter this space
bringing our joys and concerns.

Joys and concerns shared.

Listening Response

G. Vosper

As one heart is lifted

May we share its celebration

As one heart is burdened

May we share the pain it knows.

And so, we take this flame and light our special care candle...

The Care Candle is lit

For ourselves, for those named or remembered,
and in solidarity with those
who do not have freedom to express their concern or celebration
for fear of discrimination or condemnation...

In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful
of the presentness of the sacred among us,
and to see new possibilities God sets before us
in this and every moment.

Prayers from our Hearts - The Prayer that Jesus Taught

VU 921

SCATTERING

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

VU 288

Blessing for the Way

***Sung Benediction**

“Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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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 traditional unceded territory of the
Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet), Peskotomuhkati, 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. Andrews 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 or Telephone.

Children are an important part of our church and are always welcome in worship! Pew packs are available for children who need a more interactive worship experience. You can find them at the entrance of the sanctuary. Our nursery, located across the hall from the St. James Room, is available to our youngest members and their grown-ups. It is equipped with a washroom and changing table. It is 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 greeter, or reader. Help with cleaning. Serve on a committee. 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 506-366-3220

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