

St. Andrew's United Church

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June 10, 2018

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Graduate Recognition Sunday

93rd Anniversary of Union, The United Church of Canada

We Gather to Worship God

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Opening Hymn: #412, This Is the Day (vs.1,2,3)

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Muriel Lamkey & Chaelem Ferguson*

One: We come to celebrate God's presence,

All: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

One: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

All: and the life we are called to live.

One: As we gather in the light of this new day, we also gather in the light of Christ.

All: May we be those who reflect the Christ light in every moment.

(candle is lit)

*Sing: *Light up the candle every day,*

Jesus, be with us, here as we pray.

Call to Worship:

L: Many voices are speaking to us today: in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

All: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

L: Many voices are speaking to us today: through celebrities, commercials and through media.

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All: As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases you, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.

L: Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness you placed within us, and to honor You in all our ways.

All: Lord, we will listen for Your voice.

Opening Prayer:

L: Today we celebrate milestones ... Let us pray:

All: We come with thanksgiving, O God, as we mark this 93rd anniversary of The United Church of Canada and as we celebrate with the graduates who are connected with our church family.

We give thanks for the relationships which give meaning and purpose to our lives and we believe that you call us to seek unity and build bridges of love and compassion in our daily living as individuals and as a church community. Keep us faithful to your call to follow the Way of Jesus.

Let your Word shape our lives as we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Remind us, gracious God, of who and whose we are. Remind us, in scripture, in song, in prayer, of your call and your mission for each of us and for our church.

Help us to receive the teachings of the one who taught us to pray, saying "Our Father, who art in heaven" Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God Proclaimed

Introduction to the Word:

L: We have faith, and so we speak.

We have faith, and so we act.

All: Speak to us now, O God, that our faith may be sure, and our speech and our actions may flow from your word. Amen.

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 – *Merle Milson, Church Council Chair*

Litany of Call: (*inspired by Isaiah 6:8 – led by Julia Bent*)

One: Life looms ahead of us, huge and uncertain; in the confusion we must listen for the voice of God. Who can hear the voice of God calling?

All: Here I am, send me!

One: The expectations of our society and even our friends feel so overwhelming; luring us to make choices for our own comfort. Who can focus on the call to serve God?

All: Here I am, send me!

One: Hunger, greed, hopelessness prevail in our world; making it difficult to believe that God still dances. Who can speak good news in the face of evil?

All: Here I am, send me!

One: Our voice seems so small against the misery we hear; wars and famines and abuse seem to dominate. Who can be heard above the crying?

All: Here I am, send me!

One: The world is waiting to hear the promise of God; a life of justice, peace and love for all of God's children. Who will choose this life with God?

All: Here I am, send me!

*Hymn: #509, Here I Am, Lord

N.T. Lesson: 1 John 4:7-10, 19-21 – *Emily Roe-McCloskey*

Gospel Lesson: Video based on Matthew 25:34-40

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: #299, Teach Me, God, to Wonder

Recognition of Graduates: *Graduates come forward (or a parent/grandparent) as each name is called.*

Letters presented by Anna MacDonald, Chair of Worship & Faith Development Team and Merle Milson, Church Council Chair

Prayer for Graduates: *led by Anna MacDonald*

One: Creative and Creating God, we thank you for those who are graduating,

All: Your beloved creations.

One: We thank you for their accomplishments.

All: We celebrate with them at this time of graduation.

One: God the Spirit, guide and guardian, we pray that they will recognize your guidance on the next stages of their journeys.

All: May your loving protection surround them each step they take.

One: God our Christ, Word made flesh, may they seek to live according to your example:

All: Lives of justice. Lives of peace. Lives of joy. Amen.

Blessing on the Graduates

Choir Anthem: *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*

Offering

*Choral Response: (MV #191)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, through these gifts, proclaim your word of grace. Shine forth through our offerings and our lives, that others may see your face and know your steadfast love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #575, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Commissioning:

L: O God, as we go to our homes and our work this coming week, we ask you to send the Holy Spirit into our lives.

All: Open our ears... that we may hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.

L: Open our eyes... that we may see the needs of people around us.

All: Open our hands... that we may do our work well, and help when help is needed.

L: Open our lips... that we may tell the Good News of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness, and laughter to others.

All: Open our minds... that we may discover new truth about you and the world.

L: Open our hearts...

All: that we may love you and others as you have loved us.

Blessing:

Go into the world in peace.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength,

and love your neighbour as yourself. *Mark 12:30 – 31*

*Choral Blessing: (*tune: Edelweiss*)

Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many good blessings.

Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many close friendships.

Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,

Guide us on forever.

Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our blessings and friendships.

Musical Postlude

The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of John Forbes (deceased June 12, 2012) by wife, Joyce and Family.

Best wishes are extended to Ida Currie who will celebrate her 96th birthday on Monday, June 11th.

Congratulations & Best Wishes are extended to Sally & Bill Donald who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 8th and to Roland & Liz Taylor who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last Sunday, June 3rd.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Edward & Mary Sticklen, Edward (Bud) Sticklen and Frances Keays**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from daughter and sister, Jean (Sticklen) Hall.

Honourarium

In **honour and thanks** to all the community for all the kindness shown to the Sticklen Family, a donation to Local Funds has been received.

Duty Unit: June – Princess Anne Unit/**July** – Princess Street Unit

Tape Distribution: June 10 – Denis Desaulniers/**June 17** – Dave & Brenda Hicks/**June 24** – Henry & Karen Wilson

Greeters: June 17 - Anna MacDonald & Bill Swezey/**June 24** – Frances & Buddie Blakely/**July 3-** Don Bowman & John MacKnight

Sound System: June 10 – John MacKnight/**June 17** – Brian Savoy/**June 24** – Juanita Hamilton

Power Point: June 10 – Karen Rose/**June 17** – Mary Reynolds/**June 24** – Margaret Glidden

Offering Collections: June 10 – Hallam Curtis, Barb Doucet, Cynthia Duplessie, Carol Johnston/**June 17** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Helen Jones, Don Bowman/**June 24** – Shirley MacDonald, Frances Blakely, Gail Arsenault, Don Walls

Offering Counters:

June 10 – Betty MacDiarmid, Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy/

June 17 – Judy & Dennis Morrison, Clarke Fraser/

June 24 – Margaret Glidden, Dennis & Judy Morrison

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday, June 10th – Graduation Recognition – cake and beverages following the service for a time to congratulate the Grads.

Monday, June 11th – 12:00 noon – *Princess Anne Unit is going to the Howard Johnson's for their closing luncheon*

Tuesday, June 12th – 12 noon – *Worship & Faith Development Team meeting with a brown bag lunch*

Tuesday, June 12th – 5:00 p.m. - *Princess Street Unit of the UCW is going to the Welcome Back restaurant.*

Thursday, June 14th – *Church Office closed in afternoon*

Friday, June 15th – 10:00 a.m. – *Pastoral Care & Outreach Team meeting*

Upcoming:

Monday, June 18th – 12 noon – *Maude Jardine Unit meeting at Middle Island*

Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale at Newcastle Farmers Market or by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

Beaubears Island Picnic Program – Available July 2- Sept. 29.
Food and Ferry Service - \$25.00/person. Food, Ferry Service & Interpretive Characters - \$30.00/person. VIP Experience - \$45.00/person. For more information please see the bulletin board.

Join us for our 2nd Annual Gospel Concert on Saturday, June 23rd, 7:00 PM, at St. James & St. John United church, 557 King George Hwy. Featured guests include Bill Hachey, Bob Watling & Don Savoie, Jimmy Lawlor & Bob McCallum, David & Clare Young, Susan Butler, Mary Butler, Tabusintac Group, and our own JoAnn Lynch, Kimberley Shaddick and United Harmony. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the church center, Brookdale Flower Shop and Breatheasy.