

St. Andrew's United Church,
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September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Introit: #226, For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1&2)

*Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Our weekly worship begins with the lighting of a candle.

(Candle is lit as we sing)

Light up the candle every day

Jesus be with us here as we pray.

In the beginning God said "let there be light" and there was light,
and the light continues to shine.

As the candle glow reminds us of God's steadfast light, we center
ourselves for worship...

Call to Worship: *(seated)*

We come into worship, remembering the land and the place where
we drew our first breath.

**We come into worship, acknowledging the lands and places
which have and continue to break open the gift of God's
presence.**

We come into worship, trusting and anticipating those places where
God may yet bring us.

**We come into worship, companioned by these lands of origin
and revelation and hope.**

2.

Song: This Land Is Your Land (*sung by choristers*)

- *written by Woody Guthrie, popularized by The Travellers*

Opening Prayer:

**In your time, Creator God, this world was put in place,
and in your time became beautiful, through the craftsmanship
of your love.**

**Every creature, every plant, every rock and grain of sand
proclaims the glory of its Creator, worships through colour,
shape, scent and form. A multi-sensory song of praise.**

**Creator God, may we join with the whole of your creation
in praising you, our Creator, through the living of our lives.**

Amen.

Hymn: #295, The Earth and All Who Breathe (*vs. 1- seated*)

**The earth and all who breathe exist through love divine, who
formed the sea, the flowering tree,
the wren, the fragrant pine.**

**Each woman, man, and child created from the dust
is called to share creation's care, a sacred, living trust.**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: #371, Open My Eyes (*vs. 1- seated*)

Open my eyes, that I may see

glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer of Confession:

Left: God of healing and restoration, we have been blind to the
needs of others, blind to the hurts and abuses we have caused, blind
to the privileges we take for granted.

God, let our eyes be opened.

3.

Right: We have seen our neighbours as enemies. We cringe in fear of those who are different; we shame and demean the poor and needy.

God, let our eyes be opened.

Left: We have refused kindness and compassion. We have not shared our own bounty; we have not been a blessing to others.

God, let our eyes be opened

Right: Give us the power to follow you. Make us humble enough to carry others; make us aware enough to see their need.

God, let our eyes be opened.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: Whenever we confess our sins and failings, God provides opportunity to begin again.

All: As we walk confidently in a new direction, pardon and peace are ours!

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination:

Your word is a lamp to our feet, O God. Your instructions are a light to our path. Open our hearts, that we might welcome your word and allow it to shape our living day by day. Amen.

Scripture Readings: *(read in dialogue with one another)*

Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16 – *Wayne Mullin*

Psalms 139:7-14 – *Cynthia Duplessie*

Romans 5:12-17

*Hymn: #297, All Praise to You

Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

4.

*Choral Response: #541

**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:

**Giver of life, we are but sojourners living on Earth for a while.
May our gifts of our hands, hearts, and tears contribute to the
flourishing of your creation and your larger vision for life and
wholeness, for this generation and for those to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*paraphrase from New Zealand Prayer Book*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for
ever. Amen**

*Hymn: #260, God who Gives to Life Its Goodness

*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion and to serve Earth by caring for creation, especially the land that God has given life so that we and all our kin may live.

5.

**All: We will remember the land! We will groan with creation!
We will rejoice with the fields!**

L: Will you care for creation?

All: We will care for creation! We will nurture the soil! We will celebrate life!

L: May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the pulsing of Christ within you. Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

All: We go in peace, serving Christ and tending Earth.

*Choral Closing: #291, All Things Bright and Beautiful

(chorus & vs. 5)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: in love, Go made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

Chorus

Musical Postlude

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Richard A. (Dick) MacKnight by Joan MacKnight – Savoy and Family.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lee & Carol Johnston on the death of Lee's brother, Sterling Johnston.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Ida Currie**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Arnold & Lorraine Boer, Princess Street Unit, U.C.W, Jeanne Breau, Helen & Ed Jones, Dennis & Judy Morrison, Joyce Forbes.

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In loving memory of **Ida Currie**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Denis & Liz Desaulniers, Bill Sweezey, Bill & Sally Donald, Bill & Lenora Hilchey, Barry & Bev Campbell, David & Noreen Lobban and Family, Doris Tozer and Family, Don & Judy Bowman, Harriet MacNaughton, Jack & Cynthia Duplessie, Shirley Morrison, Barb & Brian Dunnett, Don & Sandy Lobban, Robert & Edith Lynch.

In loving memory of **Ida Currie**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Roland Taylor**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Jeanne Breau, Don & Phyllis Sweezey, Doris Tozer and Family, Milt & Betty MacInnis, Harriet MacNaughton, Donna Curtis.

In loving memory of **Jean Jardine**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Bill & Lenora Hilchey, Donna Curtis.

In loving memory of **Jean Jardine**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Jeanne Breau.

In loving memory of **Gary Blackmore**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Bill & Lenora Hilchey, Doris Tozer and Family, Donna Curtis.

In loving memory of **Glen Walsh**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from his wife, Roberta Walsh.

In loving memory of **Sterling Johnston**, donations to the Summer Lunch Program have been received from Don & Judy Bowman, Barb Doucet and Karen Rose.

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Power Point: Sept. 13 – Barry Campbell/

Sept. 20 – Juanita Hamilton/**Sept. 27** – Karen Rose

Offering Counters: Sept. 13 – Karen Rose, Betty

MacDiarmid/**Sept. 20** – Juanita Hamilton, Helen Jones/

Sept. 27 – Brian Savoy, Marjorie MacPhee

Announcements

Monday, September 14th – 7:00 p.m. - *Worship & Spiritual
Development Team Meeting*

Saturday, September 26th – 9:00 a.m. (note change of time) –
Men's Breakfast Meeting at Portage Restaurant

Tuesday, September 29th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

Church Office Hours are 9-3 Monday to Friday.

Memorial Hymn Sing will be held on **September 27, 2020** during the morning worship service. We invite your support of this fundraising project as a way to remember/honour loved ones and friends.

Baked Haddock & Baked Potato Supper with peas and coleslaw and your choice of chocolate zucchini cake or lemon/lime cake will be held from St. Andrew's on Wednesday, September 30th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and on are on sale now from Karen at the church office 773-9932. (100 pre-sold tickets).

The new Broadview and These Days Magazines are in the church office if anyone would like to pick up a copy.