

St. Andrew's United Church
188 Wellington Street

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Minister: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

June 19, 2022

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Graduate Recognition

“Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad ... Happy Father's Day to all the Dads among us!”

We Gather to Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able*

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Introit: #412, This Is the Day (vs.1,3)

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Bill & Spencer MacFarlane*
(congregation seated)

We light the Christ candle, sign of the light that lives with us and within us.

God's generous light shines out from us!

We light this candle as a sign of the Christ-light we carry within and which we are called to share with those around us.

We are God's generous light in the world! Praise be to God!

Candle is lit as we sing:

**Light up the candle every day,
Jesus be with us here as we pray.**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

We come to celebrate life and offer thanks to God who has given us opportunity to learn and discover meaning for our daily living.

We celebrate graduation as a time of thanksgiving and new beginnings.

God welcomes us, and invites us to praise and prayer within this gathered community.

2.

God is with us. We are not alone as we travel life's journey.

Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you create life from the earth on which we dwell and breathe into it new life and meaning.

You empower us with knowledge and skills to help, nurture and protect one another as we live out our life on this earth. Bless our gathering this day as we recall your grace and kindness in the lives of us all, and particularly in the lives of those whom we honour as graduates.

As we celebrate with them, in what may be both endings and new beginnings, remind us of the many opportunities you provide in each of our lives.

Empower us all to live in ways that are worthy of our calling as followers of Christ, with hearts for compassion and truth.

May we support one another and care for all that you have created as we walk together with you through this life.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Solo – “The Lord's Prayer” - *Wendy Simpson Gainsborough*

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *led by Julia Bent*

God of all things, loving and caring, we come together to listen for the wisdom revealed in your Word. As the scriptures are read and proclaimed, open us to your call and send us out with what we need in order to show and proclaim your love. Amen.

O.T. Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-6 – *Julia Bent*

Sung Response: #376, Spirit of the Living God, vs.1 (*seated*)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mould me, fill m, use.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

N.T. Lesson: Ephesians 3:16-21 – *Laura Dickinson*

3.

Ministry of Music: As the Deer Pants for the Water (*Psalms 42*)

Reflection on the Word

Hymn: Jesus Loves Even Me

We Respond to God's Word

Recognition of Graduates: *Cynthia Duplessie & Rev. Charlene*

Graduation Blessing Prayer:

May God's blessing follow you as you find new journeys to travel. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May God's gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect God's love and truth. And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. Amen.

Minute for Mission: *Tamilarasi's Story - Patricia Boucher*

Offering

*Offertory Choral Response: #191, MV

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 & The Lord's Prayer – *led by Wayne Mullin*

Loving and ever-present God, we give thanks for the legacy which is ours through your goodness and your grace – this world and all you have created; your love made known to us in many ways.

We thank you for fathers, mothers and others, including those in school and church, who have nurtured and influenced us.

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We thank you for the example of Jesus, who embodied the fullness of your love and grace,

and by whose Spirit we are empowered and strengthened for ministry and service.

In our gathering this day, we lift the prayers which we hold for this world in which we live, and for those within our circle of family and community.

Be with those who live in places where violence threatens, where war and destruction cause despair and hopelessness.

Journey with those who are forced to flee their homeland as refugees, with families that endure unwanted separation.

God of abiding compassion, comfort and bless those who are caught in the grip of sorrow, poverty, sickness, addiction, or other need ... Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in their lives, by your grace.

Increase the joy of those who have reason to celebrate the new beginnings of graduation, marriage, or other happy life event. And pour out your Spirit on those named in our prayer book ... *names are read* ...

God of us all, may we never fail to pray for one another in our various needs;

may we listen for the whisper of your guiding and sustaining grace as we move through our lives;

may we always be attentive to your call to build communities in which there is inclusiveness, justice and harmony;

and may we have the wisdom to be as tender and as kind with ourselves and others, as you are with us.

In the strong name of Jesus, we pray, joining together as he taught:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

*Hymn: #356, Seek Ye First

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*Benediction:

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your Blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your Grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your Love, O God.

Go in peace. And may the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Amen.

*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

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Hallam Curtis by his daughter, Coralie Curtis.

Memorials

In loving memory of our parents, **Ralph & Grace Cassidy and Jeep & Moetsche Bosma**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from John & Marjorie Bosma.

In loving memory of **Tineke Bosma**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Bev & Barry Campbell, Wayne & Liz Mullin.

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

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In loving memory of **Milt MacInnis**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Dennis & Judy Morrison, Jack & Cynthia Duplessie, Harriet MacNaughton, Grace Fraser, Liz Taylor, Bill Swezey, Betty MacDiarmid, Highland Society of N.B, Jim & Faye Wilson, Sherman & Shirley MacDiarmid, Helen & Ed Jones, Henry & Karen Wilson.

In loving memory of **Milt MacInnis**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Pauline & Ed Skidd.

In loving memory of **Sylvia Durham**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **John Forbes**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Joyce Forbes and Family.

In loving memory of **Marven MacLennan**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen & Alfred Steeves and Family.

Honourariums

In honour of **John & Marjorie Bosma**, donations to Local funds have been received from Barry & Bev Campbell, Muriel Lamkey, Jeanne Breau, Shirley Barry, Lynn MacPhee, Marjorie MacPhee, Bill & Lenora Hilchey.

In honour of **Rev. Charlene's Retirement**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund and the Summer Community Kitchen has been received from Cameron & Marina Tilley.

Greeters: June 19 – Bill & Spencer MacFarlane/**June 26** – Donna & Isabel Gallan

Sound System: June 19 – Barry Campbell/**June 26** – Brian Savoy

Power Point: June 19- Debbie Benson/**June 26** – Barry Campbell
Offering Counters: June 19 – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**June 26** – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman

Garbage & Recycle: June 19 – Ernie MacLean (R)/**June 26** – Brian Adams (G)

This Week:

Sunday, June 19th – *Graduation Recognition*

Wednesday, June 22nd – 7:00 p.m. – *Property & Financial Management Team meeting*

Friday, June 24th – **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – *Open House for Rev. Charlene*

Saturday, June 25th – **9:00 a.m.** - *The St. Andrew's United Church Breakfast Club will have their last meeting of the year at the Portage Restaurant. There will be a guest speaker. Note it is no longer the Men's Breakfast group as the ladies may attend any time.*

Upcoming Week:

Wednesday, June 29th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

CGIT Alumni are meeting for lunch on Tuesday, June 21st at 11:30 a.m. at Swiss Chalet. All former CGIT members are invited to attend.

The Cold Plate Take-out realized a profit of \$1,301.45.

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser and thank you is extended to all who volunteered to make it a success.



I want to extend a huge 'thank you' to all who organized and participated in my most enjoyable retirement party and to all of you, the congregation of St. Andrew's, for your generous and thoughtful gifts, and your many well wishes. The memories of my ministry and the many relationships shared here will be cherished forever! May God bless you all as you prepare to welcome your new minister in October! - *Rev. Charlene*