

St. Andrew's United Church

188 Wellington Street

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July 10, 2022

“Those that bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. James Barrie”

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

*Opening Hymn: “Jesus Stand Among Us” VU, 396

Lighting the Christ Candle – *Wayne Mullin*

L: God is present in magnificent temples.

All: God is present in nomadic tents.

L: God is present in wooden clapboard churches.

All: God is present in outdoor chapels.

L: God was present in the past.

All: God will be present in the future.

L: We light the Christ candle (the candle is lit), acknowledging that God, in Christ, is present with us right now, in this very place, at this very moment in time, and will be with us forever. **Amen.**

Greeting and Announcements – *Wayne Mullin*

*Call to Worship:

L: In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of the waterfall,

All: we can see God's glory.

L: In the call of the loon and the reflection of trees in still waters,

All: we can see Christ's mercy.

L: In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle,

All: we can see the Spirit's power.

L: So we come to worship the One who has the power to grant us mercy and forgiveness and lift us to heights of glory.

All: We come to give thanks and praise and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.

Let us worship together.

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*Introit (From Iona Abbey Worship) Tune 559

**Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence,
where his people live and care,
praise the God who keeps his promise,
praise the Son who calls us friends,
pray for the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

Gathering Prayer: (seated)

**O God, if we are to fulfill the royal law according to the scripture
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” then we who are
Christ followers dare not ignore the needs of those around us, no
matter what we think. “Mercy triumphs over judgement” every
time. In the same way, O God, our correct theology, and even
our compassionate words, mean nothing without justice,
kindness, humility, and the generosity of spirit that helps us to
love our neighbors as ourselves. As we give thanks for life and
love and all good things, may we be conscious of your loving
spirit within and around us, and give you, in our neighbor, a
gracious and enthusiastic welcome. In the name of Love, we pray
as you taught...Our Father...**

*Hymn of Praise: VU # 374, Come and Find a Quiet Centre

Affirmation of Faith (seated)

**God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect
description. So God creates the universe, and with it the
possibility of being and relating. We sing of God the Spirit and
untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the
world. The risen Christ lives today, present to us, and the source
of our hope. In response to who Jesus was, and to all he did and
taught, to his life, death, and resurrection, and to his continuing
presence with us through the Spirit, we celebrate him as the**

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Word made flesh, the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined, the transformation of our lives, the Christ. Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from signing. Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust, we witness the Holy Mystery who is Wholly love. Amen.

Sung Response: VU # 381, Spirit of Life (seated)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Liz Mullin*

Like Job and his friends, we come to you, O God, with questions that seem to have no answers. We pray that your wisdom will rest upon us as we engage in music, prayer, preaching, and worship. We seek your wise presence this morning. Amen.

We Hear the Word

*Responsive Psalm: VU# 799, Psalm 82 – *Liz Mullin*

Gospel Lesson – Luke 16:1-13 – *Liz Mullin*

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Praise: VU #581, "When We Are Living"

The Message

Ministry of Music: "It Is No Secret"

Offering Invitation

God finds no differences in us or in our gifts.

We are all acceptable to God; our gifts are all acceptable to God.

With this offering, we dedicate our lives to God's service.

Let us present our gifts.

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*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:

The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents, our commitment, all these we offer to you, O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the needs in our world. Bless and multiply them to your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Forth

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn: VU #716, My Life Flows On

*Commissioning and Benediction:

L: Go and dare.

All: We go to dare to follow where Jesus leads; into the margins and into new relationships.

L: Go and listen.

All: We go to listen for surprising voices, found in unexpected places and in times of wonder.

L: Go and love.

All: We go to love ourselves by God's gracious blessing, loving others with the same open gaze.

Choral Blessing: (Tune – VU 581)

Shalom to you now.

Shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies.

Bless you, my friends.

In all your living

And through your loving,

Christ be your Shalom,

Christ be your Shalom.

Musical Postlude

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We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Margie & Sonny Thompson by Merle Milson and Patricia Boucher.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Isabel Swezey**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Don & Phyllis Swezey.

In loving memory of **Grace Mills**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Joyce Forbes.

In loving memory of **Frances Taylor**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Don & Judy Bowman.



Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to Norma & Ken Weatherby who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, July 14th.

Greeters: July 10th – Harriet MacNaughton, Grace Fraser/**July 17th** – Don & Judy Bowman/**July 24th** – John & Brenda Jardine

Sound System: July 10 – Brian Savoy/**July 17** – Don Bowman/**July 24** – Barry Campbell

Power Point: July 10 – Karen Rose/**July 17th** – Juanita Hamilton/**July 24** – Mary Reynolds

Offering Counters: July 10- Karen Rose & Brian Savoy/**July 17** – Juanita Hamilton, Debbie Stymiest/ **July 24** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**July 31** – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell
(Please note **offering counters** on your Sunday are responsible for locking all the doors to the church and ensuring all lights are off.)

Garbage & Recycle: July 10 – Brian Savoy (G)/**July 17-** Don Bowman (R)/**July 24** – Barry Campbell (G)/**July 31** – Brian Adams (R)

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Lawn Mowing: Week of July 10th – Brian Savoy/**Week of July 24th** – Barry Campbell

Summer Office Hours – Monday, closed; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
During the week if the office is closed and you need Karen you can reach her at 773-7718 home or her cell 626-4162.

Please contact Rev. Alice Szemok (our supervising minister) for any pastoral emergencies at 622-1598, church office or 626-2618 cell.

Riverside Cemetery Service will be held on Monday, July 18th (rain date Tuesday, July 19th) at 6:30 p.m. at the Cemetery. If you have or someone you know has had a relative pass away within the last year and they are buried in Riverside Cemetery please invite them to attend as their relative will be remembered during the service.

Council News June 29, 2022

- Teams' policies needing review were updated, with no changes.
- Trustees transferred \$10,000 in June, to the churches general operating fund, to cover Church expenses.
- Gifts and Talents list updated and will be available to be COF to update preferences by the fall.
- Janitorial duties continue to be covered by Church members, if you would like to help a checklist of duties has been placed on the inside of the janitor's door. Once a duty is completed, please initial.
- Summer Student: Grant was not received.
- Website update, the current agreement did not work out.
- Covid 19 protocol - Present protocols remains in place.

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- Fundraising initiatives discussed. Anyone interested in assisting with fundraising ideas or planning contact Judy Donnelly or Wayne Mullin.
- Lois and choir members are planning a fun fashion show for the fall.
- YARD SALE – August 20, 2022 -Workers needed. Karen will have the details in the bulletin announcement.
- Rev Alice **Szemok**, will be the supervising minister for the next three months until Rev Ji arrives.

Faith & Spiritual Development Team

- Have been busy working on the summer Sunday service schedule and on the Clusters of Faith and Connect initiatives. Clusters of Faith are looking at conducting a prayer vigil, at some point in the park. It will be held on a week day.
- Highland Society Celebration of Scots Service: Aug 21, 2022.
- On September 4, 2022 St. Andrew will relocate the service to Carmel United in Napan for a joint service.
- Looking at developing a sub-team, Pastoral Care and Youth Ministry.
- Video: Over the summer Jayme Sobey will be working on a Video focusing on interviews re: the life and work of the church.

M&P

- Lynn MacPhee attended a very informative/training zoom session with Kendell Harrison concerning M&P guidelines.
- One vacancy on the Team Lynn will recruit a new member.

Finance & Property Management Team

- Handicap parking - the first two parking spaces on the Sheriff St. side will be designated and marked.
- The two bottom steps on the back stairs, to the choir loft, stripped with orange tape.
- The outside carpet on the front steps to be repaired.
- Lawn mowing schedule for July is done.
- Pesticide sprayed, in the John Street Cemetery, bushes are overtaking the cemetery.

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- Dawning Waters Fundy St. Lawrence Regional Council - Met through a series of Zoom calls from May 30, 2022 to June 4, 2022 with the theme “Reimagine Joy”.

UCW

- On June 12, 2022, Elizabeth Mullin, Marjorie Cassidy, Bunny Hunter and Marjorie MacPhee, received their UCW life membership pins.
- In September the congregation will be asked to take part in a Bakeless Cake Sale all money will be donated to the church general fund.

No summer scheduled meetings.

Next meeting September 7, 2022.