

# St. Andrew's United Church

## Outdoor Church Service

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188 Wellington Street

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**Worship Leader:** Wayne Mullin

**Special Music Leadership:** Bob Watling

**Outdoor Worship Service July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



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GREETING

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE: (seated)

As we gather to worship, we light this candle to remember the light and love that Jesus shared with so many.

**He did not keep this light to himself.**

After his death, his friends continued to share the light.

**Over the generations the love has continued.**

Jesus is still with us. So, this morning, in love, we welcome the light which is the light of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (standing)

We gather today proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing. He loves us with immeasurable love. God is always with us even when we are unaware. And especially so, when we are alone or feel lost. In gratitude, we come today, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our faith.

In peace, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER: (standing)

**Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For health and strength, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you; or your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise.**

2.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (see bulletin)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (seated)

**O God, you created the seasons, summer being perhaps the best of all. Its' uniqueness ironically calls us away from you. There is family to visit, roads and waterways to travel, gardens to tend, hayfields to cut and rivers to fish.**

**We get caught up in our activities and wrapped in our pleasures, with the thought of you far from our minds.**

**Forgive us. Call us. Open our eyes to see your presence.**

**Open our ears to your word. And, open our hearts to those in need. In Christ's name. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Take comfort in the assurance that whoever we are, wherever we are, God's steadfast love accepts, forgives, and redeems us.

Gospel Music with Bob Watling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERATORY INVITATION:

**God's blessings are all around us. For all that we have and for all that we are, we give God thanks and praise. We are now given an opportunity to be a blessing to others. Be it with your donations to the Food Bank and financial contribution, along with your gifts and talents, we return to God a portion of what is given us. Our offering will now be presented.**

OFFERATORY PRAYER: (standing)

**Gracious God, you call us to respond to your love.**

**Accept these gifts we bring, and accept us that, together, we might be able to show your love and transform the lives of your people, in Jesus name. Amen.**

3.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (seated)

**Guide our depth of understanding as we receive the words of scripture, O God. We are open to your teachings as we journey along our path toward righteous living. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:28-29

New Testament Reading: John 21:15-19

REFLECTION: "With Gratitude"

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COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (standing)

Our worship is over, but now our service begins.

Go in peace and live God's love. May the Holy Spirit guide you.

**We go in faith and in hope to feed Christ's sheep and care for his lambs. Amen.**

**Picnic Instructions**

**Picnic Prayer**

**Lord, accept our grace and gratitude. Thanks for the beautiful summer day and our happy gathering here today. Protect us all, and help us to grow in your love. Praise be. Amen.**

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Gladys & Reg Fulton on the death of Gladys' sister, Dorothy (Dot) Bowser of Moncton, NB and also to Jack & Cynthia Duplessie on the death of Jack's sister-in-law, Ann Duplessie.*

**Memorials**

In loving memory of **Ann Duplessie**, a donation to Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

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**Greeters:** Aug. 7 – Brenda & Dave Hicks/Aug. 14 – Margaret & Benjamin Glidden/Aug. 21 – Doris Tozer & Charles Turner/Aug. 28 – Outside Service (If raining Jeanne Breau & Marilyn McGerrigle)

**Sound System:** Aug. 7 – Don Bowman/Aug. 14 – Barry Campbell/Aug. 21 – Brian Savoy/Aug. 28 – Outside Service (If raining Karen Rose)

**Power Point:** Aug. 7 – Lynn MacPhee/Aug. 14 – Juanita Hamilton/Aug. 21 – Mary Reynolds/Aug. 28 – Barry Campbell

**Offering Counters:** Aug.7 – Lynn & Marj MacPhee/Aug. 14 – Juanita Hamilton & Helen Jones/Aug.21 – Judy & Dennis Morrison/Aug. 28 – Karen Rose & Marjorie Bosma

(Please note **offering counters** on your Sunday are responsible for locking all the doors (Please note: the main doors need the bolt in place and then locked) to the church and ensuring all lights are off.)

**Garbage & Recycle:** July 31 – Brian Adams (R)/Aug. 7 – Brian Savoy/Aug. 14 – Don Bowman/Aug. 14 –Barry Campbell/Aug. 21 – Brian Savoy/Aug. 28- Karen Rose

**Lawn Mowing:** Week of August 5<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Morrison/Week of August Week of August 14<sup>th</sup> – Barry Campbell

**Office Hours – Monday, closed; Tuesday, Office Closed; Wednesday – Office Closed, Thursday, 9 -1; Friday, 9 – 3.**  
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.

**Rev. Charlene is covering for Rev. Alice** till August 8<sup>th</sup> for any pastoral emergencies you may contact her at 773-5709 (home) or (cell) 624-4315.

**Yard & Bake Sale/Preserves (which we are looking for donations of) on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.**

*Never pass up an  
opportunity to enjoy  
nature's beauty;  
it's the handwriting  
of God.*

