



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



May 5, 2024.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter /Mental Health Sunday

### ***Our Mission Statement:***

*“St. Andrew’s United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ’s love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.”*



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## **Sunday Worship Service**

(May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mental Health Sunday)

**Worship Leader:** Mr. Wayne Mullin

**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Phyllis Sweezey & Donna Curtis

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

### **We Gather To Worship**

**Music Prelude:** *Organist*

**Introit:** *Choir "Surely the Presence"*

**Lightning the Christ Candle:** Brenda Hicks

We light this Christ candle as a symbol of the warmth of self-giving love, the love that guides us each moment in our living.

*Gord Dunbar, Gathering Worship, L/E 2023 (Year A)*

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship:**

We gather in the presence of the One  
who breathes life into all of Creation.

**We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.**

All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.

**We come, seeking the goodness in the hands of God.**

We gather as God's beloved people,  
leaving no one outside.

**Together we reflect the fullness of God's love;  
together we bring God's love into the world.**

Let us worship the Living God  
whose breath gives us life.

*Rachael Keefe, Mental Health and Wellness, The UCC*

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU # 260, "God Who Gives to Life It's Goodness"

**\* Opening Prayer:** *(together)*

**Holy One, be with us in this sacred space.**

**Stir your Spirit in and among us**

**as we offer our prayers and praises.**

**We long to hear more than**

the groaning of Creation around us,  
more than our own fearful groaning.  
From the places deep within us,  
that we mistakenly believe are hidden from you,  
may your Spirit intercede for us.  
Draw us into your presence.  
May we recognize you in ourselves and in our  
neighbours.  
Let us see you through all brokenness  
that we may find wholeness  
in being your body here and now.  
In the name of the One  
who fills the world with Hope. Amen.

*Rachael Keefe, Mental Health and Wellness, The UCC*

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Living God, in times of spiritual homelessness,  
we long to hear Jesus's assurance  
that he has prepared a place for us;  
we yearn to be formed by the Master Builder  
into spiritual houses, like living stones.  
Grant us the courage of Stephen  
and the confidence of Peter,  
we strive to be your beloved faith community and your disciples.  
O Lord, hear our voices now  
as we make our personal confessions in silence.

*(a time of silent prayer)*

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance:**

Let's hear the words of forgiveness for us in the Gospel of John:  
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and place  
your faith in Christ. Make your petitions known and the one who  
is faithful will answer."

**Thanks be to God!**

*B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*

### **Children's Time**

**\*Hymn:** VU # 661, "Come to My Heart"

*(Children leave for Sunday school after hymn)*

## The Word of God Proclaimed

**Prayer of Illumination:** Cynthia Duplessie

**God is our refuge and strength. O the Master Builder, speak to us. Indeed, God dwells in us, and we will dwell in God's house forever. We want to hear the word of truth this morning. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

2 Timothy 1:7

Deuteronomy 31:8

Isaiah 43:1

**Ministry of Music:** Choir – *“Is Your Burden Heavy”*

**Message:** Human Connection

### We Respond to God's Word

**\*Hymn:** VU # 21, “If You're Happy and You Know It”

**Announcements:** Jeanne Breau

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Because God always has a place for us, we come in thanksgiving. We celebrate the abundance of God's grace and welcome by sharing our gifts, that others may experience that welcome.

*2023 Offering Invitations and Prayers, The United Church of Canada*

**\*Offering Hymn:** VU # 549, “For All Your Goodness, God”

**\* Offering Prayer: (*Together*)**

**God of overflowing abundance,  
you feed our spirits with spiritual milk  
and nourish our souls with heavenly food.  
You are our fortress and our rock  
when the snares of this world  
threatened to overwhelm us.**

**In gratitude for your mercy and your many blessings,  
we offer you our gifts and our ministries,  
that a wounded world might know your grace. Amen.**

*B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer:

- Sharing thanks or concerns
- People on Prayer Book
- War Torn Countries

## Church Council Conversation

### **WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

*(Let us present ourselves to God)*

\***Blessing Hymn:** VU # 639, "One More Step Along the Road I Go"

### \***Commissioning and Benediction:**

The One who created all that is calls us  
by name and invites us into a life of abundant Love.

**We go out into the world as God's beloved people,  
bringing Holy Love to all whom we meet.**

Jesus taught us to love one another as fiercely  
and freely as God loves each of us,  
with the power that binds us together as the Body of Christ.

**We will embody Christ by shattering stigma  
and welcoming all, leaving no one outside.**

The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life  
and urges us to imagine anew how to be Church in the world  
today.

**We will breathe deeply and move beyond  
what has been and what is.**

**We will follow the Spirit and bring hope  
and healing to all who live in despair and brokenness.**

**We will be the Church!**

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Rachael Keefe, Mental Health and Wellness, The UCC*

\***Choral Closing:** (Choir) "Go Now and Pass It On"

## Musical Postlude

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## Announcements

In loving memory of **Andrew Butcher**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Harriet MacNaughton, Karen & Paul Rose

### Worship:

#### **1. Welcome everyone who worships with us today.**

-New members are encouraged to fill out a welcome envelope in the pews so that the church office can have your information.

#### **2. Collection:**

Collection will be taken in the pews this morning.

#### **3. Bulletin Cover Photos:**

If you have any photos you would like to send in for Bulletin Covers, for Sunday worship services please send them to:

[chathamstauc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:chathamstauc@nb.aibn.com)

#### **3. Worship Volunteers:**

▪ **Greeters: May 12** – Ray & Janice Carter/**May 19** – Marilyn McGerrige & Jeanne Breau/**May 26** – Ann Brown & Ron Carter

▪ **Sound System: May 5** – Paul Rose/**May 12** – Brian Savoy/**May 19** – Barry Campbell/**May 26** – Ernie MacLean

▪ **PowerPoint: May 5** – Mary Reynolds/**May 12** – Barry Campbell/**May 19** – Jennifer Walker/**May 26** – Nathan Robichaud

-**Offering Collectors: May 5** – Karen Rose, Bev Campbell, Barry Campbell, Cynthia Duplessie

▪ **Offering Counters: May 5** – Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie/**May 12** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/ **May 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**May 26** – Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie

#### **4. Bible Study:**

A bible study and discussion group “Rethinking God and Creation” will start Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. For more information please contact Jennifer Walker 506-622-4176 or email [Jennifer.walker286@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer.walker286@yahoo.com)

## **5. Ways to give:**

At any time, you may contact the church office for offering Envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). PAR is an amount of your choice taken on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month from your back account. The only thing you will need if you choose this is a void cheque when you go into the office.

You can also e-transfer your remittance at any time to [standrewswellingtonstreet@gmail.com](mailto:standrewswellingtonstreet@gmail.com).

## **This Week:**

### **1. Church Office hours:**

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

### **2. Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 1,202.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,287.23</u>
<b>Total for Week of April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,489.23</b>

## **Pastoral Care:**

Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.

## **Upcoming:**

**1. Bible Study** will be starting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

**2. Faith & Spiritual Development** will be meeting on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**3. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon with a cookie for dessert** will be taking place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service in St. Luke's Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

## **Fundraising:**

**1. Cookbooks** on sale from the church office for \$20 or 2/\$30. Great gift idea.

## Community Events:

**1) James M. Hill High School presents “High School Musical” live on stage.** Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 and are on sale at Creative Grounds and Mill Cove, tickets at the door at \$25.

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Edmond & Theresa Boucher by Patricia Boucher and Merle Milson.**



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