



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



April 21, 2024.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### ***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.”*



***“God’s Possibilities”***  
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## Sunday Worship Service

(April 21, 2024. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL  
**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Bill Donald & Clarke Fraser

\* Indicates to stand where you are able.

### We Gather To Worship

#### Music Prelude:

**Introit:** *Choir – VU #402 “We Are One” vs. 2*

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** Sally Donald

L: God of peace and love, may this candle be light from you,

**All: to guide us in our living, to warm our hearts and teach us how to love.** (*candle is lit*)

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

#### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship:

Who is God that we should care for him? Who is the Lord that we ought to know him?

**The Lord is our creator but also our loving Father. He poured out his infinite love and that is why he made us. He made us in his own image and called us to a life of joy and love even though this present life is full of death and hardships.**

We have life, we have hope, it's easy for us to become comfortable.

How do we respond to the hardships of life that are too great for us to figure out?

**We answer by the words of Jesus. We respond by gratitude and thanksgiving for the help that we cannot see yet.**

Why should we be thankful even when we face hardship or trouble?

**Because that is the example Jesus set for us. For he showed us, that only by praise and thanksgiving toward the one who**

loves us, we can dispel the fear within us. In Jesus name, Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU #660 “How Firm a Foundation” vs. 1,2,5

**\*Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Heavenly Father, so often life is overwhelming. So often life is scary and frightening. I know that this life is about facing challenges through your strength. I know that this life is about going through storms with Jesus. I know all this, but I'm still scared. Help me not to be afraid. Teach me to pray in such a way; that fear would have no place, no room to hide within me! Empower me with your words of peace and praise that dispel and destroy anxiousness within me!  
In Jesus name, Amen!

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** “Be Not Afraid”

**Message:** *The Answer to Fear* (Life of David part 2)

**Pastoral Prayer:**

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Hymn:** VU#664, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**Announcements:** Jeanne Breau

**Praise Before Prayer:** MV #119, “God Our Protector”

**Prayer Book:** Jeanne Breau

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Offering Hymn:** VU #541, “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

**\*Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You showed us that you are a good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. You have given us

more than we could count and more than we deserve. You poured out yourself for our present peace and eternal future. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, our Lord. Blessing and glory, be unto you our God. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** VU #670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing: (Choir)** VU #958, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

**Musical Postlude**



# Announcements

## Memorials

In loving memory of **Jean Williston**, a donation to Local Funds has been received by Barry & Bev Campbell.

In loving memory of **son, Kevin Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from John Moller.

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

## 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: April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Brian & Davida Adams/**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Phyllis Sweezey & Donna Cutis/**May 12** – Ray & Janice Carter
- **Sound System: April 21** – Barry Campbell/**April 28** – Paul Rose/**May 5** – Paul Rose
- **PowerPoint: April 21** – Nathan Robichaud/**April 28** – Karen Rose/**May 5** – Mary Reynolds
- **Offering Collectors: April 21** - Cynthia Duplessie, Karen Rose/**April 28** – Cynthia Duplessie & Judy Morrison/**May 5** – Karen Rose & Bev Campbell
- **Offering Counters: April 21** – Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy/**April 28** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**May 5** – 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 9am – 4 pm; Tuesday 9am – 4pm; Wednesday, 9am – 4 pm; Thursday 9 am – 4 pm; Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Collection on Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 1,027.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,286.77</u>
<b>Total for Week of April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,303.77</b>

**3. Cards for all occasions** for sale at the back of the sanctuary by the minister’s study 3/\$1.00. You will find: Thinking of You, Get Well, Birthday, Friendship, Special Occasion and Blank to write your own message.

#### **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. General UCW** will meet on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**2. The St. Andrew’s United Breakfast Group** will next be meeting at the Portage Restaurant on Saturday, April 27 at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome!

3. **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** the Property & Financial Management Team will be meeting.

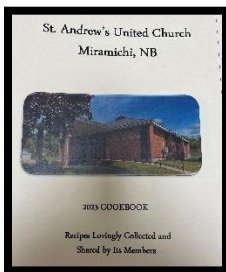
### **Fundraising:**



**1. Gift Card Basket** – We are asking for Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 each for any store or restaurant (keeping in mind we need a variety) to be put into a basket and then we will be selling tickets on the basket as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your donations to the church office during office hours.



**2. Yard & Bake Sale**, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations could include furniture, kitchen, bedding, small appliances, kid's toys and jewelry. We are asking for books (novels, in good condition or biographies). **We will not be** accepting encyclopedias, dictionaries, academic books, vhs tapes or electronics.



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

### **Community Events:**

**1. Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Beaverbrook Kin Centre**, major fundraiser for MVHS Drama Club going to Scotland this summer. 12noon to 6pm featuring, indoor BBQ, Half/Half, tickets on a painting, bake sale, music by many local artist from 2pm to 6pm. Donation at the door. We need baked items and if you can donate something, please give Susan Butler a call at 506-622-1780.

**2. Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, United Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy.** Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods & Multi-Talented Band, award winning step dancer, humour, family – friendly show at 7pm. Tickets \$45.00 each on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop or on line at [www.scottwoods.ca](http://www.scottwoods.ca) . Hosted by the Miramichi Folksong Festival. For further info call Susan at 506-622-1780

**3. St. Michael's Basilica Catholic Women's League** will be having a Prayer Service for Palliative Care on WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th at 12:00 noon, in the Bishop Rogers Chapel at St. Michael's Basilica. Parishioners are invited to this Service. There will be a Free-will offering, as a donation to Hospice Palliative Care.

Note: Please use the entrance across from the Parish Office or the Ramp entrance on the other side of the church.

- If you would prefer to pray at home, please include prayer in support of Hospice and Palliative Care.

- National Hospice Palliative Care Week will be May 5th - 11th, 2024. \*

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Steven St. Denis (deceased April 25, 2019) by Marina & Cam Tilley and Family.**



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