



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

## St. Andrew's United Church



August 10, 2025.

9<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost

### ***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

August 10, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Derrick Carnahan  
**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Judy Donnelly & Ferne MacLean

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

### Music Prelude:

**\*Introit:** VU #402, vs. 1 “We are One”

**We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there’s a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God’s grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**

### Lighting the Christ Candle – *Liz Mullin*

We light this candle as a reminder of God’s covenant of love with humanity.

**We welcome the light as a testimony to our commitment to seek God by worshipping together in community.**

God’s love knows no bounds. Jesus commits to being present with us. Spirit makes herself at home amid our collective struggles.

**May this light bring us encouragement and comfort today.**

Christine LeBlanc – Toronto, ON

**As the candle is lit we sing:** VU #413, “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

**O splendour of God’s glory bright,  
From light eternal bringing light;  
O light of life, light’s living spring,  
True day, all days illumining:**

### Lighting of the Peace Candle

**Welcome**

## **Responsive Call to Worship**

L: The God who creates all things calls us to trust—not in what we see, but in who God is.

**All: God is faithful, even when the path is unfamiliar.**

L: The Lord leads us, as God led Abraham, toward promises not yet fulfilled but fully secure in God's hands.

**All: Our hope is anchored not in outcomes, but in God's steadfast nature.**

L: Come, worship the One who speaks worlds into being, prepares a home for the faithful, and is not ashamed to be called our God.

**All: We worship with reverence and joy, trusting the God who calls and keeps covenant.**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU # 412, "This Is the Day"**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Faithful God, we confess that our choices do not always reflect your purposes for our lives. Faithfulness to you is sometimes the last thing on our minds. We often choose the easiest way or what suits our interests, not yours. Forgive us our sins, Lord. Wash us clean. Teach us again to do good, seek justice, and walk in your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lived your love perfectly. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

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

### **Prayer for illumination (Unison) – *Judy Bowman***

God of light and truth, send your Spirit to awaken our ears and open our hearts. Let your Word take root in us and grow into lives of faith, generosity, and hope. Speak, Lord, for we are listening. Amen.

**\*Responsive Psalm 50, Page 775**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Ministry of Music:** *Trio- Sally Donald, Patricia Boucher, Marjorie Cassidy*, - “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-40

**Reflection:** “Guidance on How to Live Faithfully”

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*Hymn:** VU # 575, “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**Announcements:** *Marjorie MacPhee*

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Offering Hymn:** MV #191, “What Can I Do”  
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.

**\*Offering Prayer: Unison**

Generous God, as we bring our gifts, we ask for you to receive them and endow us with wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of your abundant blessings. Amen.

**Praise before Prayer:** VU #400, “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Closing Hymn:** VU # 563, “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing:** VU 422, "God Be With You till We Meet Again"  
vs. 1

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## **Musical Postlude**



## Announcements

### **Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Ruth Kierstead**, donations to St. Mark's Cemetery have been received from Carol & Lee Johnston, Karen DeWolfe, Karen & Paul Rose.

In loving memory of **Ruth Kierstead**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Gail Arsenault.

In loving memory of **Marie MacDonald**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Allan & Polly Jamieson.

### **Worship:**

**Church Hours:** Monday – closed; Tuesday – Closed; Wednesday and Thursday 9-1 and Friday 9-3

**Greeters:** **Aug. 17** - Judy & Don Bowman/**Aug. 24** – Brian & Davida Adams

▪ **Sound System:** **Aug. 10** – Don Bowman/**Aug. 17** – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Aug. 10** – Karen Rose/**Aug. 17** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors:** **Aug. 10** –Debbie Stymiest, Carolyn Shirley, Ferne & Ernie MacLean/**Aug. 17** – Helen Jones, Marj MacPhee, Brian & Joan Savoy

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Aug. 10** – Dennis & Judy Morrison /**Aug. 17** – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell

### **3. Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 855.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,448.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,303.00</b>

**To meet budget we need to receive \$3,115.86 in offerings each week.**

### **Community:**

- 1) Pine Grove Cemetery Service will be held on Sunday, August. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the cemetery.

### **Pastoral Care:**

If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it.

### **Fundraisers:**

- 1) **Good Used Clothing Sale** will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. All donations must be into the church **no later than Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Clothing Sale will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm; Friday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – 6 pm and again on Saturday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm.** Volunteers are needed for set up and also working the sale. This is a church fundraiser and all congregation members are encouraged to help out.



Every three years, something remarkable happens in the life of The United Church of Canada. People gather to listen, learn, worship, and make decisions that will shape the future of the church. It's called General Council, and it's more than a meeting. It's a moment of deep connection.

At the culmination of the 45th General Council in 2025, young adults, elders, ministers, lay leaders, and global partners will come together, some in person and others online, to imagine what's next for our church. They'll share stories from small rural congregations and vibrant urban

ministries. They'll worship in many languages. They'll discuss bold questions about justice, faith, and the future. And at the heart of it all is a shared commitment to living out God's mission in the world.

Through [your gifts](#) to Mission and Service, General Council flourishes as more than a meeting. It becomes a gathering where young voices are amplified, where global partners are present, where accessibility matters, and where everyone has a seat at the table. Your support helps cover technology that connects distant regions, translation services that make space for everyone's voice, and travel support for those who otherwise couldn't attend.

When the church gathers in love, listens in faith, and decides with courage, something beautiful is born...a church ready to move forward, together.

Thank you for supporting the deep, connective work of Mission and Service. Thank you for helping the church gather, discern, and grow.

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