St. Andrews United

Church



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May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call To Worship**

**One**: This is the day that God has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**One**: Let us worship the One who turns our sorrow into joy.

**All: Our despair into hope.**

**One:** Our doubt into faith.

**All: Let us feel the wind of the Spirit refresh our lives.**

**One**: Come, let us worship

**Gathering Hymn –** VU194 - Filled with the Spirit’s Power.

**Prayer of Confession**

**One:** God of grace, we confess that we have done things we should not have done.

**All: and we have left undone things we should have done.**

**One:** Forgive us, we pray.

**All: Loving God, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole hearts,**

**One:** and we have not always been faithful witnesses.

**All: We confess that we are sometimes wrapped up in our individual lives,**

One: with little time for Christian community.

**All: Have mercy on us, O God.**

One: Forgive us and strengthen us in your Spirit. Amen.

***Words of Assurance***

**Hymn –** VU376 - Spirit of the Living God.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

Reflections on the word.

**Scripture Reading -** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**Meditation – *Who’s the Replacement?***

**Hymn** – VU209 - Fire of God, Undying Flame.

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn - Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving - 540 VU**

 Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

 with a spirit large and free,

 that ourselves and all our living

 we may offer faithfully.

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn –** VU504 - How Clear is our Vocation.

**Commission and Benediction**

**Announcements**

***Upcoming***

**May 15-Prayer Shawl 10:30am**

**May 16-Euchre 1:30pm**

Don’t forget the Board meeting at 10:30am on May 16th!

Upcoming UCW events at St. Andrew's United Church

Mark your calendar for the upcoming UCW events:

* *Tuesday May 14 - 10:30 UCW meeting*
* *Tuesday June 11 - UCW end of year luncheon - more details to follow on time and place - please let JoAnn Day know if you are going to attend 519-631-1561*
* *Wednesday August 7 - Salad days luncheon in support of Growing Youth*
* *Saturday November 16 - Craft Sale - rent your table or just come on out*

More details to will follow as we get closer to these dates.

 **Fresh Start Baby Bottle Drive- starts today and ends on Father’s Day. Fill a bottle, change a life! Pick up a bottle today and fill it with change, cash, cheques or etransfers to** **babybottle@fsms.ca** **to help make a difference in the lives of the moms and their children in the community. For more info. Call 519-637-7775 or www.fsms.ca**