**St. Andrews United Church**



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October 27, 2024

**“Compassion in Action”**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

One: For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. Help us to become better neighbours so that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**Call to Worship**

Come into God’s presence and shout with the heavens,

**our God is very great!**

Clothed with honour and wrapped in glorious light,

**our God is very great!**

Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,

**our God is very great!**

Calling us to humility and compassion,

**our God is very great!**

Come into God’s presence, to listen and hear God speak.

**Gathering Hymn - Jesus Stand Among Us - 396 VU**

**Opening Prayer -**

**God of majesty and might,**

**blow through this place**

**like a mighty wind.**

**Inspire us with your presence.**

**Cover us with your love,**

**that we might be your people,**

**serving others with care and compassion.**

**In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen**.

**All God’s Children - Bucket Filling**

**Hymn - O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts – 472 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Psalm 104: 24-35, Matthew 13: 31-35**

**Meditation - Mizak, Haiti**

**Hymn - Blest Be the Tie that Binds - 602 VU**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering -**

As the people of God, we are called to be justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, freedom for the imprisoned, and sight for the blind. Let us lift up those in need as we share gifts for the church’s mission.

**Offering Hymn - For the Gift of Creation - 538 VU**

**Dedication -**

**God of justice and love,  
transform these offerings,  
that they may be gifts of justice and love  
for a world in need of hope and help.  
Let love flow through these offerings,  
that they may become gifts of love for the world.**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - Go to the World - 420 VU**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**Choral Amen**

**Announcements**

**Coming Events**

* **Prayer Shawl 10:30am on November 6.**
* **Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.**
* **St. Thomas Youth Choir will perform during the service on November 17th.**
* **Don’t forget Rev.Cheryl’s convenanting Service on November 17th at 2pm. Guest Speaker is Rev.John Brown**

**Please help bake for the St. Andrew’s table on November 16th. Bring in your items on November 15th between 1pm and 4pm. (Muffins, cookies, loaves, candy etc). Thank you for your participation.**



**St.Hilda’s/St.Luke’s Church at 185 Elm Street is having an Cranberry Courtyard Market on Nov.16 from 9am till 1pm.**

 **Donation for for November 10 is Socks…any size, any type, any colour, all socks are appreciated.**

**No Holy ones please..Save those for Sundays!! 😊**



**Please join the Hatch family on November 17th after church for cake and ice cream to help celebrate Neil Hatch’s 90th birthday. All are welcome.**