**St. Andrews United Church**



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October 20, 2024 World Food Sunday

**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, let’s praise God together!

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let’s tell stories of the things God has done— mighty acts of power and love throughout history: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

**Let’s remember how much he loves us,**

and celebrate the care he continues

to show to all of creation:

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let’s worship God together!

**Gathering Hymn - Hope of the World - 215 VU**

**Prayer of Confession**

You asked for my hands

that you might use them for your purposes.

**I gave them for a moment**

**then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them for I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

**I gave you a small part that I might not get “too involved.”**

Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, and only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

**Lord, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,**

**that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**All God’s Children - Tools of Justice**

**Hymn - Small Things Count - 361 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Psalm 145, Ephesians 3: 14-21**

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation - A Little Goes a Long Way**

**Hymn - Let There Be Light - 679 VU**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

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

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory - 686 VU**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**Choral Amen**

**Announcements**

**Coming Events**

**October 21- Art Guild -7pm**

**Oct. 25, 26,27 -Fall Regional Meeting**



 **Help is needed on Tuesday October 22nd to help clear out Rev.Cheryl’s office and to get the carpet removed. If you can come at 10am and help for any length of time, it is appreciated.**



 ***Please note Rev.Cheryl is away on study leave for the next week. Please call the office for any pastoral concerns.***



***Foodbank item gathering for October 27th is Peanut Butter..any type is welcome!***

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**St. Andrews is having a Fall Craft show on November 16 and is looking for vendors. For information about table rental etc Please call Merna Edison at 519-615-2325.**

**The Fall Harvest Bounty Bazaar is on Nov.2nd from 9-12 at New Vision Community Church. Puzzles, Xmas table, bake table, preserves, pickles, coffee break, jewellery table! A wonderful day for all!**