**St. Andrews United**

**Church**



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September 15, 2024

Second Sunday of Creation

**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**

In the songs of birds and the warmth of sunshine,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In fields of grain, growing gardens, and flowers blooming,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In the wave of a neighbour and the phone call of a friend,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In the bustle of the day and the quiet of the evening,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In the work we do and the games we play,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In the lessons we’ve learned and the opportunities to come,
**we welcome the presence of God.**

In the memories we hold and the love we have known,
**we give thanks for the presence of God.**

Come, let us worship in the presence of God.

**Gathering Hymn - We Praise You O God - 218 VU**

**Opening** **Prayer**

**All God’s Children**

**Hymn - Morning Has Broken - 409 VU**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Genesis 1**

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation - The Birds of the Air Will Tell You**

**Hymn - God of the Sparrow - 229 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 - Love Divine - 333 VU**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

The covenant of God is with you and with all creation. The covenant is for life, for peace, for joy abounding for all God’s creatures, for earth, ocean, and sky.
**We will go in the love and goodness of God.
We will go to proclaim God’s renewing power for all of creation.
We will go to be God’s renewing power for all of creation.**

**Choral Amen**

***Announcements***

***Coming Events***

* *Prayer Shawl-Sept.18 – 10:30am*
* *Euchre-Sept.19-1:30pm*
* *Foodbank items for September 22 is oatmeal packets-any flavour.*

**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.**

Calvary United Church (290 Ridout St. S, London is offering a delicious Harvest Dinner on September 22nd starting at 5pm. Tickets are $20 and under 10 are free. Call 519-434-5526 for tickets