**St. Andrews United**

**Church**



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**Labour Day Sunday**

**September 1, 2024**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledging Our Territory**

**Call to Worship -**

God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”**

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

**And I will give you rest.”**

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

**Let us worship God this day!**

**Gathering Hymn - For the Fruit of All Creation - 227 VU**

**Prayer of Confession -**

God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world,

**but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened.**

God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life,

**different priorities, different loyalties, different values.**

But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful,

**and so we are drawn in to following its priorities,**

**accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.**

God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful,

**forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities,**

**when we misunderstand their role in the world.**

*...time of silent prayer...*

**Assurance of Grace**

**All God’s Children - *Growing Youth Video***

**Hymn - Jesus, Friend of Little Children - 340 VU**

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-22, Matthew 11: 28-30**

**Meditation - *Leisure Without Purpose***

**Hymn - I Heard the Voice of Jesus - 626 VU**

**WE 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.

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - Forth in Your Name - 416 VU**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**May God bless your hands with the strength to create,**

**And your heart with the wisdom to endure.**

**May you find rest and renewal in Jesus as we lay down our burdens at his feet.**

**May you find peace and purpose, through the Holy Spirit.**

**Today, tomorrow and always. AMEN**

***Announcements***

***Coming Events***

* Euchre at Sauc Sept.5-1:30pm
* *SAUC Board meeting- Sept.12 -10:30am*
* *Prayer Shawl-Sept.18 – 10:30am*



**Sunday, September 8th the item to be collected for the food bank is Kraft Dinner aka Mac and Cheese in any form..it can be no name, in boxes, etc !! Definitely a big hit with many.**

**Our sympathy goes out to the family of Helena Carver, a long time member and friend to many at St.Andrews.**