

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* VU#356

Call to Worship:

We have gathered to share in the mystery of God's love.

All: We come to hear the Good News revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

We come so that our faith will be renewed, when the Holy Spirit touches our hearts.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad, knowing that God is with us!

Singing: *There's A Spirit in the Air* VU#582

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: O God, Your love touches us in so many miraculous ways. Laughter in the midst of sorrow, a hug in the face of hurt, caring listeners when we are lonely - all are manifestations of Your compassionate presence. May this time of worship be healing, rejuvenating, and affirming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our healer and friend, Who taught us to pray...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Yeah God!)

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Responsibility

Reader 1: *Jesus has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but all too often we let the social boundaries and borders of the world divide us. We build up walls rather than bridges; we keep people out who need to be invited in. We have a responsibility to care for one another as Christ cares for us, and yet we often fail to do it.*

Reader 2: We light this candle as a symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ to teach us again how to love, how to break down walls and to build bridges.

Prayer: Creator God, remind us again of our responsibility to care for one another, and to watch out for each other. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Sung Response:

**We are walking a path of love, (3X)
Lead us home, lead us home.
221 MVU**

Anthem: *Standing On the Solid Rock* – Chorus

I'm standing on the Rock of Ages;
Safe from all the storm that rages.
I'm rich but not from Satan's wages;
I'm standing on the solid Rock.

Children's Time

Singing: Happiness is to know the Savior, living a life within
His favor,
Having a change in my behavior – Happiness is the Lord;
Happiness is a new creation – Jesus and me in close relation,
Having a part in His salvation.
Happiness is the Lord. Real joy is mine, no matter if tear-drops
start;
I've found the secret – it's Jesus in my heart!
Happiness is to be forgiven, Living a life that's worth the livin'
Taking a trip that leads to heaven.
Happiness is the Lord (3x)

**Scripture Readings: John 2:13-22 p. 863
Hebrews 10:11-17 p. 976**

Reflections: Gentle Jesus, -- Angry?

Singing: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* VU#336 tune 81

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Anthem: Chorus

Whispering hope, oh how welcome thy voice,
Making my heart, in its sorrow rejoice.

Doxology: All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.
Take and sanctify these gifts for Your honour, Lord
Knowing that I love and serve You is enough reward
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to You.
Praiseways#3

Offertory Prayer: In times of struggle God, You call us to give support; in times of uncertainty You call us to offer a clear vision; in times of despair You call us to speak a word of hope. Bless the good in all we give, and bless these gifts of money that they may bring closer Your will for justice and peace.

We come to prayer singing:
Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart VU#629 tune 372

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *God, Our God, Your Glorious Name* VU#730

Benediction

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the United Church Women (UCW).

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Ari, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Bouchard, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- **The newsletters are ready** – please pick up your copy as well as your neighbors'. Would someone be so kind as to help Audrey & Erich deliver their newsletters?
- Red-wing blackbirds have been spotted in the community! Spring is on the way!
- Next Sunday, March **11th, Group Aeternal** will be our musical guests. Having been here so often, they are looking forward to “coming home”. Let’s give them a warm "welcome back" reception.
- **Coffee Party & Bake Sale – March 20.** Please buy your tickets from the UCW or the office ASAP as they sell out quickly.

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, coffee, canned meat, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the Sunday School.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW’S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~
March 4, 2018 ~ 10:30 am
Lent III



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Audrey Bauer

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Eric Robinson