

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song ~

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

VU#409

Call to Worship:

The sounds of spring are near us, the hope of Christ sustains us, the presence of God surrounds us. May we hear God's message of hope in a world filled with pain.

May we share Christ's message of peace in a world filled with hatred; may we discover anew God's plan for our lives in a world filled with confusion and fear.

Lent is a time to focus again on the ways in which we can make a difference for others.

Today is a day to set aside the past, and to be open to God's future in Jesus.

* **Singing: *As Comes the Breath of Spring*** VU#373

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Loving God, You are worthy of our praise and worship. We approach You knowing that You care for us. Please come to us like fresh water softening the soil of a parched and weary land. We confess we have let hurts and disappointments harden our hearts. We have let frustrations and failures dry us out and shrivel us up. Free us from bondage to our resentments, our reluctances and reserve. Remind us of Your life-giving power. Enable us to be forgiving that we might be forgiven. Come to us, O God, with healing in Your wings. We pray in the name of Jesus Your Son...

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 Liturgy

Reader 1: Jesus has taught us that we must forgive, but at times we find this too hard to do. We have been hurt, and we have hurt others. At times we have become angered by the actions of another to the point that we carry a grudge, and sometimes, this grudge can define who we are.

Reader 2: We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ to help us to forgive as we are forgiven, to help us to love as we are loved.

Prayer: Faithful God, forgive us for our shortcomings and help us to forgive others. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to let go of our grudges and to forgive, and to seek forgiveness where we have gone wrong. Amen.

We are walking a path of mercy,
We are walking a path of mercy,
We are walking a path of mercy,
Lead us home, lead us home.

Anthem: *Redeeming Love*

Children's Time ~

Singing: **Praise Ways p. 61**

Thank you for giving me the morning.
Thank you for ev'ry day that's new.
Thank you that I can know my worries can be cast on you.
Thank you for many little sorrows.
Thank you for ev'ry kindly word.
Thank you that ev'rywhere your guidance reaches ev'ry land.

Thank you, I see your Word has meaning,
Thank you, I know your Spirit here,
Thank you because you love all people,
those both far and near.

Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless.
Thank you that I am full of you.
Thank you, you made me feel so glad
and thankful as I do.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 130 VU#853
Romans 6:1-2, 15-25 p. 917.**

Reflections: *Contending with Life's Struggles*

Singing: *Trusting Jesus* SOG#99

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: In mighty acts the people see
Your power and glory, God;
We, too, in serving and in love
Give witness to the world. (tune VU#650)

Offertory Prayer -- To You Who offers new life, may we offer ourselves in loving service. Use us as You will as part of Your coming community, springing to life in the very midst of our tired world. Use us and our gifts, we pray. Amen

We come to prayer singing:
With Joy We Meditate VU#351

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

VU#76

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: Baby David & his family, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Andrew Eccles, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Kevin Fallon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Suzanne Ross, Bruce Ryan, Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

Announcements

- Our sincere sympathies are extended to Jessie Amy and her family in the passing of her mom, Jessie Boyd, (in her 101st year!) on Saturday, March 25th. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- Easter Sunday will be here in two weeks! Volunteers would be appreciated to help with the hot cross bun breakfast between the two services. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Reminders

- The food cupboard needs canned meat & hygiene products.
- The Benevolent Fund thanks you for helping people in need. Baskets are placed at the Sanctuary exits. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels & dimes to support the **Sunday school**. Thank you for your generosity.
- To receive St. A's memos, please submit your e-mail address to: office@saintandrewsunitedchurch.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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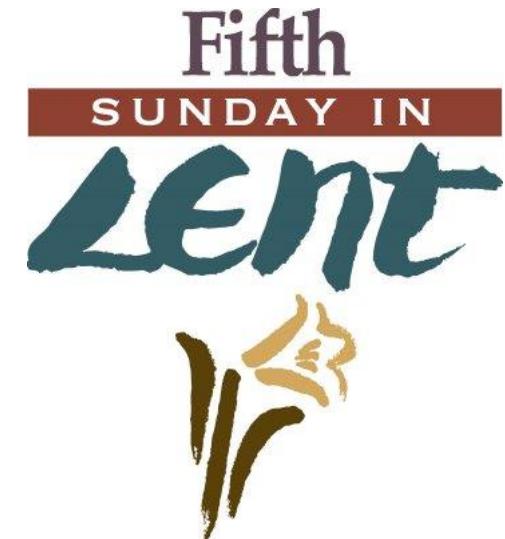
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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

184th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017

~ WORSHIP ~

April 2, 2017 ~ 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Llewellyn Hall

Stewards: Andrew Ford & Eric Robinson