

**Sunday Sept 1, 2024 10:30am**  
**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**  
**Live Large, Love God**

**Prelude/Announcement video**

**Greetings**

May the Loving Creator be with you  
**And also with you.**

**Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement**

**Community Update**

**Moment To Gather Ourselves**

*Arise My Love, performed by Sandra Candeloro, Pamela Maloney and Wanda Stride  
Music and words by Wanda Stride,  
based on Song of Solomon selected verses*

Look, over the hills and see my love leaping on the mountains  
like a stag he bounds to me  
and look behind our wall and see gazing through the window  
my love, he speaks to me!  
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away  
Look the winter now is past, the rains are over and gone  
and the vines are in fragrant blossom  
and listen the time of singing has come, the voice of doves is heard in the land!  
and flowers appear on earth  
arise my love ...  
set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal upon your arm  
for love is as strong as death  
and passion, as fierce as the grave, many waters cannot quench love  
and neither can floods drown it  
arise my love...

**Lighting The Christ Candle**

This is a new day!

**Praise God for this day!**

This is a chance to begin again!

**Praise God for this chance!**

This is our privilege: to live in the light of Christ,  
and to see that light enliven the world around us!

**Praise God, Creator Christ and Spirit. May this light remind us to whom we belong.**

**Hymn:** VU 578, As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

- 1 As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.
- 2 We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.
- 3 As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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**Holy Wondering:** Heart Sanitizers (blessing new beginnings)

**Ukulele Song: VU 365** Jesus Loves Me

- 1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' R
- 3 Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. R

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**Scripture: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13**

***Psalm 15***

God, who may be a guest in your house,  
**or who may dwell on your holy mountain?**  
One who leads a blameless life,  
**who does what is right,**  
**who speaks truthfully from the heart;**  
one whose tongue is free from malice,  
**who never wrongs a friend,**

**who utters no reproach against a neighbour;**  
one who cannot respect the unworthy,  
but honours those who fear God;  
**who stands by a promise given,**  
**though it be to personal disadvantage;**  
one who will not take interest on a loan,  
nor accept a bribe to testify against the innocent.  
**Whoever does this shall never be overthrown.**

### **Mark 7: selected verses**

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Live Large and love God

### **Offering Our Gifts**

*We recognize all the gifts donated to help Christ's ministry here in Brighton, and this offering is one way we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet here in Brighton. As we pass the plate, we are also honouring gifts of ministry and love for Christ's work expressed in other ways.*

### **Offering Hymn:** MV 26, Your Love Is Amazing

1. Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,  
your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.  
When I am surrounded your love carries me.

#### **Refrain (2X)**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah Your love makes me sing.

2. Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,  
all the joy that's growing deep inside of me.  
Ev'ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.  
I can feel this God song rising up in me.

3. *Repeat verse 1.*

*Last line of refrain* – Your love makes me sing. **Hallelujah.**

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## **Blessing The Offerings:**

**Holy and loving God, we place our whole lives before you with gratitude.  
On our knees, what can we say but “thank you”?  
In response to your faithfulness, take our gifts and bless them, we pray,  
so the whole world may learn to walk in your light. Amen.**

## **Prayers Of The People**

*Prayers are lifted for others today we remember especially: Rebecca; Chris; Betty; Seana Heighton; The McArthur family; Bill; Alda; Grace; Nora; Nina; Nancy; Larry; Philippa; Ken; Mike; Shawn; Lori; Suzanne; Sara; Alice; Romano; Keith Stainton; Richard; Cheryl; Henry; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Doreen Thompson; Chyvonne.*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who is 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: MV 79, Spirit, Open My Heart**

### *Refrain*

Spirit, open my heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.
3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

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## **Extinguishing the Candle**

**Choral Amen:** Amen Amen Amen.

## **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**Please join us** in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Sept 1, 2024 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don’t have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$8 per nametag.

***We welcome back Rev. Wanda Stride, who is leading worship today.***

**Scent Free Environment** – Some of you may have forgotten that Trinity-St. Andrew's is a scent free environment. Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**The Holy Wondering / Holy Wandering** time will begin on September 15th. Neva and Jackie look forward to sharing this exploring time with TSA young people. We would appreciate two or more adults who would make a commitment to share this leadership. If you are able to help please speak to Neva or Jackie. Activity plans and resources will be provided. It is a wonderful way to get to know some of TSA's youngest members and to share in this great time of wonder and awe! Thanks for considering if this might be the place God is calling you.

**Wendell Ferguson concert**, Saturday Sept 7, 7pm. \$25. Country/Folk genre. Tickets available after church or contact the church office. Speak with Elizabeth Scriven for more information.

**Sharing Stand**...Returning for its 2nd season, **Grandmother's Advocacy Network Northumberland (GRAN)** will be hosting the Sharing Stand on the front lawn of Trinity-St. Andrew' United Church. We begin in July, Mondays & Wednesdays 10am to 7pm. The stand provides fresh produce to anyone looking to stretch their food budget. When planning your gardens, please consider planting extra for the stand. "Share what you can, take what you need." Thank you for your support.

**Affirm Terminology for September.** What Does Being Non-Binary Mean?

For the most part, people typically fall into two categories: male or female - that idea is known as a gender binary. But not everyone fits so perfectly into the man-or-woman categories. That's where the term "non-binary" comes into play.

The Human Rights Campaign defines non-binary as "an adjective describing a person who does not identify exclusively as a man or a woman."

Additionally, while some non-binary people also identify as transgender, not all non-binary people identify that way. Essentially, non-binary—sometimes shortened to NB or enby—is a type of gender identity. Some folks have an identity that fluctuates over time. Some individuals do not identify as male or female, but as a mixture of the two—something other than male or female or with no gender at all.

**LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.** This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to join a group of the same to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 3, 2024. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, contact Jeanette Cournoyer or email: [brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com).

**Hate Crimes Against 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Surge**

An alarming trend of escalating hate crimes targeting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community has been brought to light in a recent Statistics Canada report. The data shows a staggering 225% increase in hate crimes based on sexual orientation over the past five years. The United Church of Canada has also seen a concerning rise in hate-related incidents directed at its affirming communities. These senseless acts, including vandalism, harassment, and online abuse, highlight the urgent need for

increased awareness and support. Read the [full news story](#) and be an ally for LGBTQIA+ people in your community!

**175th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale.** To celebrate Trinity-St. Andrew's 175th anniversary, a commemorative t-shirt is available for purchase. Featuring original artwork by our very own Sandra Caneloro, the shirt has a beautiful dove flying over a colourful rainbow with the words "Welcoming All Since 1848". Shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email [jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com) or call 647-341-6095.

**Quinte Transit** is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

### **We Have a Place For You!**

As fall approaches, we look forward to some new beginnings. Maybe it's time for YOU to consider a new beginning. How about joining the team of folks who read the scriptures during the service for us, or those who welcome us when we arrive before the service, or even become part of the team who count our weekly offerings after the service? We'll provide the "How To's" if you'll provide the "Here I am!". Start by speaking to Ellen Goodeve at church or by calling 613-475-5732, or speak to Pamela in the office.

**Scrap Metal Run...** Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, through our church Custodian Barry Ott, will be doing a special scrap metal run in the next couple of weeks.

This scrap metal is collected & sold to the Brighton Recycle at 686 County Road 64 in Brighton.

The money collected from the metal run will be donated back to our church.

If you have some scrap metal to donate to the church as a part of this special run (no refrigerators or items with fuel) please contact the church office at 613-475-1311.

If the scrap metal is small enough & can be dropped off at the church it would be appreciated.

Otherwise, an arrangement can be made to have the scrap metal picked up.

### **This Week In Property:**

-The Sanctuary has been vacuumed, cleaned, polished and "aired" out for our return.

-The driveway and parking lot has received an application of crushed gravel. Thank you to the parishioners who funded this project. We can no longer see down to China from some of the potholes.

**Applefest Ecumenical Service...** Thursday Sept. 26th at the Owen Gibb Community Hall, 75 Elizabeth St. Rev. Lee McNaughton is preaching and the Pentecostal church is leading the music.

**Migrant Workers requests...**the migrant workers are in need of some items. If you are able to help, speak with Elizabeth Scriven or call the church office. 613-475-1311

Carry-on suitcase, Large suitcase, Work boots size 10; size 11, size 13; Running shoes size 10, size 13; Cargo pants size 32; Work pants size 34, size 36, size 40; Long-sleeved t shirts med & large; Coveralls; Hoodies med & large; Rain coat med; Floor fan; Slow cooker; Blender

**Things they want to take home:** Instant pot/pressure cooker; Food dehydrator; Dolly; Induction cooktop; Cycling shorts size 32; Bowties & Vests different colors size med & large.

**The church office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm  
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Wednesdays.**