

**Sunday May 21, 2023, 10:30 am**  
**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**  
**Ascension Sunday**

**Prelude And Announcement Video**

**Greetings**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Community Update**

**Moment To Gather Ourselves**

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

Christ is risen, and Christ is here

**Hallelujah, we are not alone.**

We are here to worship, to sing, to pray,  
and we are here to learn.

**Hallelujah, Christ is with us.**

We acknowledge the mystery of our faith:

We are Christ's body, Christ is risen,  
the Spirit of Truth is with us

**Hallelujah, God is love,  
and we are called to love.**

Let's light a candle and let its glow remind us  
that we are called to love, to serve and to honour.

**Let us worship our Risen Christ now, in song and prayer.**

**Opening Song:** VU 213, Rejoice The Lord Is King

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
  
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
  
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice

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**Time With Our Children:** What did you see?

**Ukulele Song:** Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you're here to love us

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
from the earth to the cross  
Your love, you gave  
from the cross to the grave  
from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high

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**Scripture:** Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples,  
cry out to God with shouts of joy!  
**For the Most High is to be feared,  
reigning in might, over all the earth.**

God has subdued the peoples around us,  
set nations at our feet,  
**and has chosen for us a heritage,  
the pride of Jacob, beloved of God.**  
God has gone up with shouts of triumph,  
**has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.**  
For God reigns over all the earth!  
**Sing praises with your utmost skill.**

God reigns over all the nations,  
and sits in holiness enthroned  
**The nobles of the nations assemble  
with the people of the Everlasting God.**  
For earth's defenders belong to God,  
**to God the highly exalted.**

Reading: Luke 24: 44-53

**Response:** We give praise O God, to the risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God: Christ is risen!**

**Special Music:** VU 586, We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection

**Message:** Show and tell

**Song in Response:** VU 205, Like The Murmur Of The Dove's Song

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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## **Offering**

**Offering Prayer:**

**Holy God, with these gifts**

**help us witness to your generosity;**

**help us witness to your love;**

**help us witness to your justice.**

**And with our witness, may the world feel your blessed love**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*(Remembering: Keith Stainton, Dave Harrison, Harry Keating, Robbie, Cheryl, Henry, Danny, Earlien, Alexandra, Ron, Margaret Knight, Denise, Hiddo, Barb, Doreen Thompson, Madeleine, Helen Philips and the family of David Philips and the survivors and families of the Alberni Indian Residential School and all other Residential School survivors.)*

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**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: VU 884, We Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
there'll be shouts of joy  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)  
while you go out with joy. Repeat

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## Sending Forth

**Choral Amen:** Amen, Amen, Amen

## Postlude

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us in person or by Zoom,** Sunday May 21, 2023 at 10:30am for our Worship service. The **Zoom** link is below or if you are on a computer, you will be able to participate in our live-streaming, even if you don't have a Facebook account. Just click on this link and the latest live-video should be near the top. <https://www.facebook.com/TSAUC/live>

**Please consider wearing a medical grade 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.**

**May is Asian Heritage Month** in Canada, a time to reflect on the rich history of Asian Canadians and to recognize the many contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage have made and continue to make to Canada. It is a special time to recognize the diverse stories of all those Canadians who can trace their roots back to East Asia, Southern Asia, western, Central and Southeast Asia.

**Scent Free Environment** – This is a friendly reminder 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.

**Ukulele church 9:00-9:45 first Sunday of each month.** Everyone is welcome to come - bring your instrument if you have one, or you can use one of our rainbow ukuleles. This is kind of like messy church with snacks, stories, lots of music and fun!

**Welcoming...** Just a friendly reminder that if you see someone you don't know at church, why not take a chance and strike up a conversation with them? It's so important that each person who steps through our doors is reminded that we believe in a God of love... and that love can shine through each of us. By the same token, if you are new, thank you worshiping with us. We would love to hear from you! Please leave your phone number or email on the sign up sheet near the Rainbow step entrance. Or call the church and introduce yourself 613-475-1311.

Have you been attending and been thinking about transferring your **membership to Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church?** Please speak with Rev. Wanda (416-919-0436 or email [minister@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:minister@trinitystandrews.ca)). If you are interested in exploring your own faith and wondering what membership means, please reach out!

### **Newcomer classes**

Are you new to the United Church of Canada, or even just to this church? Maybe you've been attending your whole life and still don't really understand why we do some things?

Your Worship and Membership committee, in partnership with Christian Education, is planning a series of discovery sessions, each one well-spaced, only requiring a commitment of two Tuesday evenings in a row. We promise they will be conversational, inclusive, fun, and you will be fed, at least spiritually! All ages welcome.

The first session is United Church of Canada 101: What do we believe?

Let's explore the United Church of Canada faith statements together. You can find them at this link if you wish to read them ahead of time: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements>

#### **Part One**

When: Tuesday May 23 7:00-8:30pm,

What: exploring the basis of union doctrine section and 1940 faith statement

#### **Part Two**

When: Tuesday May 30, 7:00 – 8:30pm

What: exploring A New Creed (1968 and 1995) and A Song of Faith (2006)

Where: Zoom using this

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229631133?pwd=YzU4Qj93UWUrTEVuDDBJU0djWUItQT09>

Cost: Free

Registration: [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca) or call 613-475-1311

**\*Please note that these first two parts are on Zoom only**

For information about the sessions visit: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements>

**TSA Online Auction...** Our Annual Skills and Gifts Auction is here again. It will be the same as last year on Bidding Owl, but items will also be on display in the community hall Sundays May 7, 14 and 21. It starts May 7th at 8:00am and ends May 21st at 4:00 pm. We can still accept donations, so if you have something to donate please call Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928 or John Futhey at 416-930-0436 If people want to browse early, or register as a bidder, they can go to: <https://www.biddingowl.com/tsauc> anytime before or during the auction. Happy bidding!

## **Petition for Transgender and Nonbinary People Seeking Asylum in Canada.**

The Affirm Committee is seeking your support in signing a petition that is circulating in Canada "to extend to transgender and nonbinary people the right to claim asylum in Canada by reason of eliminationist laws in their home countries, whatever country that may be". For example, laws and bills targeting LGBTQ rights at the state level in the U.S. have already reached record numbers in 2023 with more than 400 anti-LGBTQ bills across the country, including restrictions on accessing gender-affirming health-care services and criminalizing transgender people's use of public bathrooms. Years of progress is at risk of being undone.

The goal of this petition is to ensure there is a means for transgender and nonbinary people to seek refuge, if needed — especially young people from states limiting gender-affirming care. Here is a

### **CBC article about the petition:**

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/us-transgender-asylum-petition-1.6779692>

**and a link to the petition:** <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4268>.

As an Affirming congregation, supporting this petition would be a small act that could have significant positive repercussions for those fleeing oppressive and, often, dangerous situations. The petition closes May 26, 2023.

**Pride Walk and Worship Service, Sunday June 4** – Find your rainbow socks for the second annual Brighton pride walk and worship service, Sunday June 4, hosted by Trinity St. Andrew's Affirm Committee. The Pride Walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the rainbow steps of Trinity St Andrew's United Church make its way to the rainbow crosswalk in front of East Northumberland Secondary School, then wind back to the colourful bench in front of Sobeys before arriving at Memorial Park for the church service at 10:30 a.m.

Expect the music of Lady Gaga, Brandi Carlile and Cyndi Lauder. And perhaps a few guest musicians. Everyone is invited to bring their own lawn chairs and umbrellas to protect against the sun. Expect a party with rainbow swag, cupcakes and coffee.

In the event of rain, the service will move to the church at 56 Prince Edward Street.

For more information visit <https://www.trinitystandrews.ca/about-3> or call 613-475-1311.

**Broadview...**It's that time of year again to renew your Broadview magazine.

\$25 for 8 issues. Please contact Pamela in the office (613-475-1311 or email [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)) if you would like to renew or you would like to be a new subscriber.

*Broadview* is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of **spirituality, justice** and **ethical living**. *Broadview* challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life.

### **Butterfly (Pollinator) Peace Garden**

On Earth Day we turned the sod for a new pollinator garden on the front lawn of the church. Planting flowers is one of the best ways to help our native bees and butterflies, who we depend on to pollinate all our plants, including our food. We are looking for donations of native flowers and flowering shrubs. As you prepare your home garden, you may be thinning, so think of us. Our new Pollinator (Butterfly and Bee) Peace Garden initiative will develop over the month of May, so volunteers are also welcome. We have a core team forming already. Think Black-eyed Susans, echinacea, bee balm, blazing star, wild bergamot, butterfly weed. Contact Janet Enns at [jaeenns@gmail.com](mailto:jaeenns@gmail.com) to volunteer or donate.

**Our annual VBS at TSA is returning...**with a special focus on making music featuring ukulele and percussion! At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover that Jesus power pulls us through!

July 3rd – 7th from 9am to 11:30am each day. The online registration can be found at

[www.trinitystandrews.ca/childrenandyouth](http://www.trinitystandrews.ca/childrenandyouth)

<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<b>Feb-23</b>	<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
General Income	19,897.47	47,303.62	39,917.85
General Expense	21,952.69	57,587.26	52,701.81
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,055.22</b>	<b>-10,283.64</b>	<b>-12,783.96</b>

### **175 days of 175 years at TSA**

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is turning 175, and the United Church moderator is helping us celebrate!

The culmination of our 175 celebrations is a special service **Sunday, November 12**, with many special guests, including moderator Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne.

As if a visit from our moderator isn't enough, the 175 days leading up to that service we are sharing something on social media every day to remember, celebrate and praise God.

Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages to learn and celebrate with us! If you have old photos of our church, please let us know. Starting Sunday May 21, we will reveal a new tidbit of history on social media and our website, so check it out! [www.trinitystandrews.ca](http://www.trinitystandrews.ca)

Spread the word and join us on this historic celebration!

### **Evangelists needed**

Did we get your attention? We think we've got good things going Trinity-St. Andrew's, and we want to let people know. As part of our 175 celebrations, we are starting a postcard campaign to invite our neighbours to be part of our community here at TSA. We would love your help dropping off invitations at people's houses. Please let the office know if you can help.

**TruEarth sale**, From May 23rd to the 26th, our fundraiser will earn 30% COMMISSION on each and every sale made through our fundraising link! Don't miss out, shop at <https://fundraising.tru.earth/TrinityStAndrews>

**The Church Office Hours: The church office is open!** Regular office hours are 10am—12:30pm. (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). **We have a mailbox outside the office on Chapel Street** to make it more convenient for you to leave your cheque donations or anything else for the office that fits in an envelope.