

Sunday July 28, 2024 10:30am
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Greetings

Community Update

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement

Lighting The Christ Candle

Our friend and teacher Jesus walked many dusty paths around Lake Galilee.
He journeyed with good friends and with those whom society did not value.
He cared for those who were left behind, the scared, and the forgotten.
Jesus taught us about being good stewards of creation,
to be kind to others and ourselves, and that there is a time to take a stand.
When he taught in crowds, people didn't always know who he was.
He would share that he was the light.
That beautiful light shone everywhere Jesus went
and it shines brightly everywhere we go.
That light follows you to work, to church, and to the park.
It is a light that supports us and reminds us in good times and in bad
that we are loved, cared for, and always belong.
May it be so.

Call to Worship

Leader: Grace and peace be with you, beloved children of God.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: We gather today in prayer and thanksgiving.

People: **Creator, be with us as we journey forward in a good way.**

Leader: We share scripture and stories that warm and challenge our heart.

People: **Creator, be with us as we listen in a good way.**

Leader: We sing with lightness and praise.

People: **Creator, be with us as we respond in a good way.**

Passing The Peace

Opening Song: VU 595, The Servant Song

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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Scripture & Words of Wisdom: Matthew 5: 14-16

An Affirmation of Faith: The New Creed (1968)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

"A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed – what gospel is that?" *Oscar Romero*

Response: Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: This Little Light Of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Shine with my whole family, I'm gonna to let it shine
Shine with my whole family, I'm gonna to let it shine
Shine with my whole family, I'm gonna to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone *blow* it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Won't let anyone *blow* it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Won't let anyone *blow* it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine
Shine all over this country, I'm going to let it shine
Shine on all creation, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

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Holy Wondering

Message: Trinity-St. Andrew's Reaching Out

Offering Invitation

God's blessings are all around us. For all that we have and for all that we are, we give God thanks and praise. We are now given an opportunity to be a blessing to others. Our offering will now be received.

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.

Offertory Hymn: MV191 What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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Offering Prayer

Loving Creator, help us to think about others when we come to this time of giving. Some of us only have a dollar or two or an hour or two to share, but others have so much more. Remind us when we have heaps of love, of time, or special talents to share that we shine the love of God when sharing them widely. Amen

Prayers Of The People and The Lord's Prayer

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

Let us pray:

Loving and Grace-Filled Creator,
we are grateful for the gift of faith and life in this world.

We pray for open hearts and minds, that we may be a part of your transforming love and true reconciliation.

We pray for your wisdom and guidance,
that we may live as a blessing for all of creation.

People: Creator, receive our prayers...

Help us to be filled with your Spirit of Compassion.

We pray for all people who suffer in the world, those we know and those we have not yet met.

And we pray for continued relationship building, flourishing ideas, and bold discipleship.

People: Creator, hear our prayers...

We pray today for those who struggle with illness or disease, whether of health, heart, mind, or relationship. For those who struggle with addiction, relationship breakdown, and to those who sit with our most vulnerable, may your constant love and compassion surround them.

May your sacred presence come to those who need you most. Bring them peace and reassurance of your unconditional love through friends, family, and prayer.

People: Creator, hear our prayers...

We are called to let our light shine bright and to encourage others to let their light shine even brighter. We are Spirit first, and that Spirit knows to soar like an eagle, up high in the blue sky.

People: Creator, we ask for the grace to lead a faithful life, to walk with a deep sense of spirituality, to live radical hospitality, and to journey forward in a good way, always.

We offer this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray ...

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU 96, Will You Come And See The Light

- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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Sending Forth

Leader: As we move from this place to the wide openness of creation, let us move in a good and humble way. We are reminded that our friend and teacher Jesus was a magnificent leader.

He led from the heart and Spirit first.

People: As we move from here today, let us seek to always move from our hearts and from our Spirit first.

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, and may the love of God embrace us, the compassion of Christ challenge us, and the Holy Spirit guide us.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 424 May The God Of Hope Go With Us

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R

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Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, July 28, 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.

***Thank you to the Outreach Committee,
who are sharing their time and leading the worship service today while Rev. Wanda is away.***

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.

Announcing the "Donate a Budget Item" fundraiser.

Whether it's supporting our committees, youth programs, music ministry, maintenance of our facilities, or other essential aspects of our church life, your donation will have a direct impact on our faith family. You can choose to donate towards an entire budget line item or contribute a portion of the amount—every donation counts and helps us achieve our collective goals.

To participate, contact the church office 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's 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 July. How was the original rainbow flag created? In 1978, Harvey Milk, a San Francisco city supervisor and the first openly gay politician elected to office in California, asked his friend Gilbert Baker to create a symbol for the LGBTQ+ community. Baker got to work and created two multi-coloured flags with eight colours. The flags were a huge success when Baker unveiled them at the 1978 San Francisco Pride Parade. As demand for the flag increased, in 1979, its original eight colours were narrowed down to six: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Fewer colours kept production costs low and made the flags easier to display.

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, August 6, 2024. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, contact Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com.

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 Candeloro, 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 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.



United & Strengthened (with Jennifer May-Anderson), ECOR UCW Event Quin-Mo-Lac Weekend 2024 September 6th, 7th and 8th. Don't miss out! Worship, music, workshops, night canoe or walk, skits, polar dips, great food, great friends, book flash, vespers and more! Full Weekend \$175 Saturday Day-timer \$85 Link to registration form Registrar - Ruth Wessell email ecorucwevent@gmail.com 705-374-4196

**The church office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm
Pamela works Monday-Friday. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home.
During July and August, Pamela will be taking Mondays off.
Messages will be returned when she is in the office on Tuesdays.**

The office will be closed Friday August 9th.

Thurs., August 15, 2024
5:00 p.m. —7:00 p.m.

Annual Corn Roast

*With corn, hotdogs,
dessert & drinks.*

Adults \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$10.00

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evening of fun,
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featuring the Brighton
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