ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Gillian Lyons
Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell
Guest Musicians: Brenda Moats, Flute; Peter Gravlin, Bassoon
April 18th, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." 1 John 3: 1



Welcome and Announcements -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord"*** ***#260***

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the King of creation:

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen:

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever:

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Refrain

Prayer of Confession:

God our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your presence, unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection for

ourselves. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us. Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst. In your mercy we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Come to us, beloved Stranger"*** ***#262***

Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day. Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today. Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost, speak to us the prophets' message you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise. Offer us your broken body; open our unseeing eyes. Come to us, God's love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame. Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you as you walk with us each day. As a friend and not a stranger you would join us on our way. Help us trust that through your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend, and to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful till life's end!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:
Acts 3: 12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3: 1- 7
Luke 24: 36b-48
Leader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "See What Love" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering
Solo: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" O'Hara

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy…
All: Hear our prayer.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Christ is alive"*** ***#251***

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude: "Allegro from Sonata HWV 405" Handel



Announcements



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

As the leadership of St. Andrew's continues to monitor the ever-changing Covid-19 situation, we have identified **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 as a potential date to reopen for in-person worship**. Your church leadership will continue to adhere to all Covid-19 guidelines and provide updates as the situation develops. Please note that Sunday worship services will continue to be available online up to and after the resumption of in-person services at (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!

The latest "***These Days***", the daily devotional for April, May and June, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen. The spring edition of ***"Presbyterian Connections"*** is also available.

COVID TOWN HALL



Do you have questions concerning Covid in Saskatchewan? As noted in previous bulletins, we will be hosting a town hall to answer some of these questions, led by Dr. Hortense Tabien. Dr. Tabien is a Medical Health Officer with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and has been working with Covid since it appeared, and is very knowledgeable in the field.
Our **Covid Town Hall** will take the place of our coffee hour, not this Sunday but on **Sunday April 25th**. In order to answer as many questions as possible, we ask that anyone having questions submit them ahead of time to either Al Ireland (agireland@sasktel.net) or Laura Van Loon (lauralene66@gmail.com). They will be passed along to Dr. Tabien so that she can make sure that they can be answered as completely as possible. Covid has continued to be a concern for many and has, at times, has been difficult to obtain information. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a little more from one of our own congregational members.



We're starting to look at the next newsletter! Please have all of your submissions into the church office by Monday, May 3rd.

Missed out on a worship service?
If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:
1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin



SUNDAYS
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Roots – older elementary and high school youth
Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

THURSDAYS
06:15 PM
Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up
Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



Sunday, April 18 — MISSION MOMENT



We give thanks for the farmers of our country who work so hard to grow and provide us with the bountiful fresh produce we are able to enjoy at this time of the year.

Equipping Farmers to Thrive

Andrew and Flora successfully grow rice, cassava, maize and groundnuts on their two acres of farmland in Malawi as a result of adopting conservation agriculture practices to help their farm flourish and better cope with droughts. Last year, Andrew and Flora attended Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported training to learn how to rotate crops and protect the soil. In addition to conservation agriculture workshops, they also attended gender training where they learned the importance of working together. With these tools, Andrew and Flora now enjoy the rewards of conservation agriculture.

DAILY PRAYERS

Monday, April 19 We give thanks for camp committees, staff and leaders who have nurtured our faith and enlivened the church, and pray that camping ministries continue to flourish in the PCC.

Tuesday, April 20 We give thanks for music and the choir members, directors and musicians who share their gifts with their congregations.

Wednesday, April 21 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with the candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thursday, April 22 (Earth Day) We give thanks for the earth and all creation, and pray for the courage to make hard changes that will protect and preserve the earth's ecological systems so that all creation may thrive.

Friday, April 23 We pray for the staff at Action Réfugiés Montréal as they provide hope and assistance to asylum-seekers and refugeed people in Canada.

Saturday, April 24 We pray for PCC mission partners who are facing so many new challenges and striving to find safe and economical ways to respond to so many enduring needs.