

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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August 22nd, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

"Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm." – Ephesians 6:13

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

One: God hears our cries for help and rescues us from all our troubles.

All: God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

One: God redeems the life of all people; none who take refuge in God will be condemned.

All: So, let us worship the One lifts us to new life and praise God's holy name.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Stand up and bless the Lord”

#411

Stand up and bless the Lord; God's people now rejoice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, above all blessings high, who would not fear God's holy name, and praise and magnify?

Oh for the living flame from God's own altar brought, to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song; now is salvation ours. God's love in Christ we now proclaim with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless God's glorious name henceforth forevermore.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of mercy,
with the community of Christ's church gathered here and elsewhere,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts,
nor have we cared for your world or respected our neighbours as we should.
Forgive us, we pray,
and with your grace, remake us in the example of Christ, our Lord and friend.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

“Fight the good fight”

#690

Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength and Christ your right; lay hold on life, and it shall be your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your eyes and seek God's face; the way of life before you lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on your guide; his boundless mercy will provide; trust, and your trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, those arms are near, and, changing not, still hold you dear; hope and believe, and you shall find Christ is your all: heart, strength and mind.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34: 15-22

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“Back to the Armory”

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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:

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

#571

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

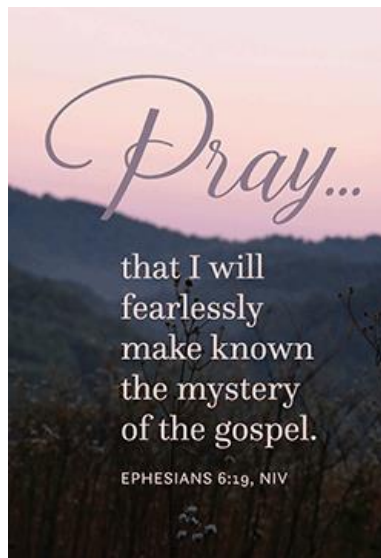
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.



Announcements

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the deaths of two friends dear to the St. Andrew's community. Services will be held for each of them at St. Andrew's in the week ahead:

- **Emmanuel Kojo Boye Adisi**, long-time member of St. Andrew's, who died on August 14, 2021. **Funeral Service at 2:00pm on Wednesday, August 25th.** <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/park/obituaries/emmanuel-kojo-boye-adisi/70156/>
- **Peter Michael Swan**, father of Michael Swan, who died on April 24, 2021. **Memorial Service at 10:30am on Saturday, August 28th.** <https://www.mourningglory.ca/obituary/PeterMichael-Swan>

ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP! Please note online worship will continue. Everyone is welcome! Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. The nursery is under construction, and the remainder of the lower hall is not yet open to use.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, President and Vice-Chancellor of Vancouver School of Theology, will be our guest to lead us in worship on **Sunday, August 29th** here at St. Andrew's. Rev. Topping is a wonderful preacher and friend of the congregation and we are so pleased to welcome him back.

On Monday, August 30th, the Saskatoon Royal Canadian College of Organists will hold a noon hour recital here at St. Andrew's. This event is open to the public. The recital will begin at 12:15, and admission is by donation.



Our Wider Community

Haiti Crisis Response

In the early morning of August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern peninsula of Haiti. Access to food, water, electricity, water, communication and transportation is critically difficult. Exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, Tropical Storm Grace hit the island two days later. All of this comes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the turmoil that followed the recent assassination of Haiti's president.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as these are very trying times for so many.

Immediate needs include food, water and shelter. PWS&D is planning to respond through partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.

You can also make a gift through St. Andrew's or through the PWS&D website. Please mark your donation "Haiti Crisis."

Saving Hospitals in Nepal

The United Mission to Nepal (UMN) was founded in 1954 as an international, interdenominational Christian mission. As COVID-19 swept through the country, affecting the lives and livelihoods of much of the population, UMN's two mission hospitals in Tansen and Okhaldhunga experienced a funding crisis. Patients seeking care did not have the income to pay their hospital bills. UMN began a "Save Our Hospitals" campaign and reached out to partners and friends for support. Faithful supporters of UMN from around the world rallied to answer the call, including The Presbyterian Church in Canada—a UMN partner since 1974. The campaign was a huge success, receiving over one million dollars in donations.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 22 We pray for God's blessing on Dhana Lama, who will become the first Nepali Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal in November 2021.

Monday, August 23 We pray for Dr. Rachel Karrach, who has served the United Mission Hospital Tansen in Nepal for 27 years, along with all the hospital staff who provide medical services under very difficult conditions.

Tuesday, August 24 We pray for staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses and provide vocational training with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Wednesday, August 25 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Peace River.

Thursday, August 26 We pray for those incarcerated in the prison system and that they are supported as they endeavour to rebuild their lives after their sentence is finished.

Friday, August 27 We pray for the Rev. Michael Veenema and the REACH ministry in Nova Scotia. May this ministry continue to reach new disciples as it serves people in correctional and rehabilitation facilities.

Saturday, August 28 We pray for the safety and well-being of agricultural workers, along with all those who process, transport, distribute and sell our food.