

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Orlanda Drebit

Music Director/Pianist: Gillian Lyons

Choir Conductor: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

Hymn Leader: Matthew Neufeld

Vocal Soloist: Alicia Monson

August 30th, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

God welcome us into your mighty presence. Help us to put away our messages, our lists, our emails and our texts, and all of our preoccupations to focus for these coming minutes on YOU. Meet us, each one, who is listening and watching, draw us close to you and open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts, to hear you today.

Praise: ***“Brother, sister, let me serve you”*** **#635**

Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

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.

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.

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.

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Prayer of Confession:

Although you daily protect us and steer us away from wrongs, O God, we confess together that we have often turned away from you and have behaved like those in secular society, not like brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have sought meaning in shallow places.

We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits.

We have nursed anger and envy.

**We have been self-absorbed and lacked compassion.
We have turned our backs on those in need.
Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, guide us
toward what we may become according to your grace.**

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, St. Paul declared that if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything and everyone has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's grace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Take my life, and let it be consecrated"*** **#637**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold: not a mite would I with-hold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Psalms 26: 1-8

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "How Do We Repay Evil with Good?" -Orlanda Drebit

Solo: "Come, Lord Jesus" Angrisano/Tomaszek/Modlin

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

At three points during this prayer I will pause, please fill in the silence with your personal prayer requests

O gracious God, stir us to respond to bad behaviours with kindness.

Help us to choose to turn the other cheek when we are wronged. Bring healing and peace to our lives and to this world you love.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that we may offer healing and peace to those we encounter, in the name of Christ Jesus who taught us to pray together...

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:

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Tutu/Bell

Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours, Victory is ours
through God who loves us.
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through God who loves us.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"

Scholtes/Putnam

Announcements

Rev. Roberto will be away on vacation from August 21st to September 6th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the office (306-242-0525) or call him on his cell phone (306-880-2503).



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>



BIKE CLUB - Allan Ireland and Alicia Monson will lead a bike ride each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - meet at the church parking lot- find a parking space for your family and bring your bikes. If it reaches 30C or if there's inclement weather the ride will be cancelled. Sanitizing items like wipes, gel, and spray are available, and masks for riders. More info text Martha 306 270.2378

Our worship zoom link is

Meeting ID 812 3365 0336 no password. Tech support Martha 306 270 2378 or Alicia on Facebook

Exciting progress! In response to our congregation, **we have updated our website to serve you.** In an effort to make online giving even easier, we have updated standrews-saskatoon.com with a shiny new "Donate" button. To find out more, please click the blue button in the top right corner of the website or visit standrews-saskatoon.com/donate



Thank you to everyone who has faithfully offered gifts of time and money to our church during the time of 'fasting' from public worship. Some of you drop off cheques at the church door, others have started using PAR, e-transfers, and the new Donate button on the website for the tithe.ly giving service. Know that what you do is hugely appreciated and incredibly important!

These gifts of money are especially valuable since the church has lost a significant amount of external income: parking lot rental fees, revenues from concerts and music exams, money from non-church groups who met in our building are all down on account of Covid.

Of course, with the suspension of some church operations, some planned expenditures were either suspended or cancelled.

Our key expenses have not declined since the world took a turn last March. The costs of supporting ministry and maintenance are essentially the same. We are thus truly and profoundly grateful for the ways members and adherents demonstrate their generosity and love. Every gift, no matter the amount, helps sustain the work of our church for its members and the wider community. Giving is key to worship, no matter where and when and how it happens. Thanks again!



PWS&D Response to COVID-10

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has many of us feeling uncertain about the future. What began as a global health crisis has only worsened the inequalities that exist for so many around the world.

What is PWS&D doing about it?

PWS&D is responding through the ACT Alliance where rapid response projects have started in 14 countries. Adjustments have been made to programs in every country where PWS&D works, repurposing funds for planned activities which are not currently possible. Projects are helping affected people access food, sanitation and hygiene,

protective equipment and psycho-social support. PWS&D will also provide support to longer-term ACT Alliance COVID-19 projects.

Two examples, see future bulletins for more-

Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, PWS&D's partner, Community World Service Asia, is hosting awareness sessions where community members learn preventive measures to keep their families safe from COVID-19.

Schools in Afghanistan are also closed. While some students are being educated via online classes, TV and radio, many students in rural areas lack access to these resources. Through our girls' education project, CWSA is hoping to introduce self-help study packages for students, as well as connecting teachers with students through phones or safe visits for assistance.

Ghana

In Ghana, which has some of the highest COVID-19 numbers in west Africa, PWS&D's partner is encouraging preventative actions, including social distancing wherever possible and good sanitation and hygiene practices, especially handwashing.

Please remember this essential work of PWS&D and its partners in your prayers and with your donations. A gift of \$20 or \$50 can provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for health workers or help families put food on their tables when livelihoods are threatened.

To support this COVID-19 response, donate through St. Andrew's, directly through the PWS&D website (<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/>) or call 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 x291. **Please include "COVID Response" on your cheque in the designation field online.**



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES.

Hi everyone. Nothing new this week, but we would like to thank everyone that have helped with this ministry over the summer. As things open up, you would think that the need would diminish, but it doesn't seem to, so thank you. If you haven't had an opportunity to take part please take a look at the items needed below.

SNCM

- Gently used summer clothing. (pants, shirts, t-shirts, socks and footwear) There is a special request for decorative scarves.
- 6 x 6 ft sheet of linoleum to help with renovations to one of the washrooms at the mission.

Crisis Nursery

- Paper goods (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels etc.)
- Grocery items (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, veggies and unsweetened snacks that children will eat)
- Monetary or gift card donations

Friendship Inn

- Grocery items (canned goods, rice, carrots, onions, juice boxes soup stocks, granola bars, flour etc.)
- Toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner
- Formula and diapers

Interval House

- Gift cards or monetary donations for the moment.

Egadz

- Hotel sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion.
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Fresh fruit and vegetables to help provide a supper meal for the youth during the week.
- Formula
- New socks or underwear.

YWCA Women's Shelter

- Full sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion.
- Sun screen
- Razors, deodorant, Toothbrushes/paste
- New or gently used towels and facecloths

Ecumenical Chaplaincy

- If you have a little time take a look at the promotional video put out by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy that shows some of the ministries that they are involved with. The link is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl_H3rr2IKY

As always, we are looking for new ways that we can reach out and share God's love with those in our community. If you have an idea of how we can do this, please contact one of the committee members and we will try it out. We are Al Ireland (244-7386), Sharon Nixon (978-9577), Linda Dietz (653-0953), and Heather Kolojay (281-3029).

In Our Wider Community

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