

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

June 27th, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6: 8

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. 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: (responsive)

Almighty and loving God, by thy mysterious power;

in wisdom guide us, with your faith and freedom.

Be ours and guide your people in your ways forevermore.

Let no oppression or injustice rule us.

Lord of land, sea, and sky, make us your own.

All: Make us your own. Amen.

Prayer of Approach

Praise:

"O, Canada"

#800 (vs. 1-2)

O Canada, our home and native land, true patriot love in all our hearts command. With glowing hearts, thy children stand, the true north, strong and free; from far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free; O Canada, we stand on guard for thee; O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power, in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower; be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights, where justice rules from shore to shore, from lakes to northern lights. May love alone for wrong atone; Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own. Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and healing God, we come before you this day not only in joy but in confession. We come before you carrying many burdens that we dare not share with you. We come before you with hearts too proud to receive healing. We come before you with justification rather than praise on our lips. Come nearer to us, take away our burdens; interrupt our thoughts and our lives so that we would more faithfully follow and trust in you. These things we pray in the name of the one who died to make us free. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

—The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Now thank we all our God"

#457

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom God's word rejoices, who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all with grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, the Father and the Son and Spirit now be given, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 136

Micah 6: 8

Ephesians 4: 11-16

John 15: 1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Equip the Saints"

—The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo "We thank you, Lord, for you are good" #97

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 Thanksgiving

-Jan Rodda

Heavenly Father today we look back over the past 15 months and we are in awe of your spirit working through so many throughout our congregation. The tree has many branches. We give thanks for the energy within the vine to fuel the branches of love and willingness to reach out to your world.

L. We give you thanks that we have been able to worship on a regular basis throughout the past 15 months using new technology, adapting to worship delivery and willingly learn to connect as the body of Christ on Sunday mornings.

We especially acknowledge our minister Rev. DeSandoli for his willingness to learn to adapt worship to keep it meaningful, gospel centred and personal.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. We give thanks for skills in broadcasting, taping, recording, sound engineering, camera rotation. We especially thank the Live Stream team Mark Behrend, Heather DeSandoli, Alicia Monson, and David and Melle McPhee. We also thank Martha Fergusson for her technical support to congregational members using Facebook and Zoom platforms.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. We give thanks for our staff. Specifically, we thank you for our office administrator, Dorothy de Bruijn, who made sure there was a human voice at the end of the phone when we or our community called to seek out assistance from our church.

We give thanks to Laura van Loon who assisted members who needed an advocate to support them during a time of illness, or comforted weary families who had lost a family member during the pandemic.

We give thanks to Gillian Lyons our Music Director and Terri Lynn Mitchell our Choir Conductor. Their gifts of music instrumentally and voice were blessings experienced throughout our worship service.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. We give thanks to our Christian Education team who created the Front Porch ministry and an online weekly Sunday School and Kidz Club. We specifically thank Alicia Monson and Martha Fergusson who drove throughout the city on a weekly basis dropping off the Front Porch kits to households full of children so that they too, knew that their church cared about them.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. We give thanks to the many volunteers who stepped up to be of service. Such as Orlanda Drebit who used her skills to lead a Sunday service, develop and facilitate a 6 week online adult bible study and accepted the call to become our church treasurer.

To our Pastoral Care team phone callers keeping in touch with so many who were stuck at home.

To our choir members who too learned new technology to reach out to us though their beautiful voices of song.

To the Board of Managers who kept our building safe and kept our outside looking cared for. We thank Shirley Fourney and Ken Wilson for stepping up to the Board as active members.

To our Session who endeavored to provide the leadership and encouragement wherever it was needed throughout the year.

We thank Don Bailey, Bernice Shih and Sharon Nixon for their service to this congregation as they retire from active elder responsibilities.

We welcome Elder Kwaku Kyei for providing leadership in the security, privacy and protocols of our very much now used website.

We thank you for Dr. Hortense Tabien, our own Public Health Officer, who made time to explain Covid-19 and the challenges that this disease has created in our community.

We give thanks for Sheila Coulter's leadership and courage in bringing a Burns Night social virtually in support of Camp Christopher.

To the Stewardship committee for their Take Away Drive Thru Shrove Tuesday pancake mix blitz in aid of PWSD.

To St. Andrew's Re-opening team - Mark Behrend, Heather DeSandoli, Dean Fergusson, Al Ireland, Alicia Monson, Matthew Neufeld, Heather Reichert and Colin Robb who discerned the needed approach that included our safety and following the regulations to reopen. Even after a few starts and stalls you have been ready welcome us back.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. We give thanks to the members and adherents of this congregation who have supported their families, their friends and neighbours, and have volunteered in a variety of ways within our community.

We give you thanks for those family members and friends related to each of us who passed away during the past 15 months such as Elizabeth Ahiahonu's brother Moses Kojo Gbogbo, Richard Rodda's mother Anne Wilde, Joan Sande's son Irvin, Patrick and Victoria Boatang who each lost a parent, Lynda Harrington who lost her aunt, Gillian Lyon's her Dad, Flora and Hortense Tabien who lost their brother, Michael Swan and his mother who lost their father and husband Peter, and Amanda Kirkpatrick who lost her father.

We also remember members who passed away who have had a long history of service to our congregation such as Wayne Sanderson, John Wobma, Lorraine Pocha, Nonie Gall, Merle McGowan and Shirley Moffat. We lift their spirit to you in joyful thanks for them.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever,

L. We give thanks that you are calling others to join this great journey of sharing time, treasure, and talents within our congregation. We name Jim and Donna Fenton, David and Melle McPhee and soon to be welcomed as a member: Heather DeSandoli, Wally Dyck, Racheal Giesbrecht, James Hamilton, Alicia Monson, Samuel Ruo and Elisha Ruo.

P. In all of this we humbly thank you Lord for your steadfast love truly does endure forever.

Join with me in the prayer that our Lord has taught to pray...

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:

"I'm gonna live so God can use me"

#648

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Traditional Welsh, arr. Lloyd Larson



Announcements

Special thanks to Jan Rodda for her work and planning on today's service

SYNOD SUMMER STUDENTS - On July 4th and 11th, we are blessed to be led in worship by our Synod of Saskatchewan summer students Samuel Andri and Daniel Surya. Samuel and Daniel are both students at the Vancouver School of Theology and will be bringing the word to us through the gift of technology both in the sanctuary and online. Thank you to Sheila Coulter and the Live Stream Team (Mark Behrend, Heather DeSandoli, David & Melle McPhee, and Alicia Monson) for your help with these services.

Volunteers will be needed each week with the return to in-person worship. We will need several people every Sunday to help with various tasks, such as registering attendees. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to assist with the return to in person worship. The Board and/or the Worship and Music Committee would love to hear from you.



The church offices will be closed on Thursday, July 1st, for Canada Day.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, July 11th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



Bicycle, Bicycle, BICYCLE CLUB 2021

We begin Mondays... starting June 28th.

Once a week participants of all ages can arrive at the church to begin to ride at **6:30 pm.** with their bikes ready for a ride.

We are aiming to have two levels of ride offered, one group, will do a short length and the other a much more challenging route. There are a **least 3 people wanting to walk** too, so some can gather at the church and pick your route. Al Ireland brings bike experience both with the actual bikes and also great knowledge of location

trails for riding. Let Martha Fergusson, Rev. Roberto or Al Ireland know if you want to join us, or for more information. Adult volunteers are would be helpful - let us know if you are willing to help.

The latest “**These Days**”, the daily devotional for July, August and September, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen.

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



Equipping New Leaders

Growing up in a village in northern Malawi where the nearest health facility is 30 km away, Dorica Nkhata knows about the importance of accessible healthcare. Working at Embangweni Mission Hospital as a nurse and noticing a critical shortage of doctors, she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor at the Malawi College of Medicine. She approached the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Livingstonia Synod, for assistance. At our partner's request, the PCC accepted Dorica into the Leadership Development Program. With financial support from Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, Ont., and Presbyterians Sharing, Dorica is on her way to fulfilling her dream and serving those in need in rural Malawi. Presbyterians Sharing supports leadership development through medical and theological education and training programs in Kenya, Malawi, Lebanon and Eastern Europe.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 27 We pray for those experiencing difficult health issues, and give thanks for people who work to bring healing and comfort as well as agencies that offer support and care in our communities.

Monday, June 28 We give thanks and pray for the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking—the 2021 recipient of the Cutting Edge of Mission (Dr. E.H. Johnson) award—and their ministry of care for the vulnerable.

Tuesday, June 29 We pray for those whose employment has been adversely affected by COVID-19.

Wednesday, June 30 We give thanks for moments of delight and occasions of celebration; for happy gatherings, gentle solitude, pleasure given and received; for laughter, friendship and love.

Daily prayers are submitted by the colleges, committees, agencies and mission societies of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.