

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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Guest Musicians: Bundle of Sticks Bassoon Trio

May 2nd, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

"So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." 1 John 4: 16



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Jesus calls us here to meet him" (vs. 1-3)

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Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps the promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall> Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides. Race and class and sex and language: such are barriers he derides. Join the hands of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

Prayer of Confession:

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we confess there are so many ways we fail to love you fully. Forgive us for our lack of reverence for the earth and for using up more than our share of its resources. Forgive us for ignoring the cries of others who know pain or discrimination. Forgive us for seeking praise from others yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours. Forgive us, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Where charity and love prevail"

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Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease; be God's the glory that we seek; be ours God's holy place.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude, if honoured by God's name; our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 8: 26-40

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Vine and the Branches" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo: "We Have Been Told" David Haas

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:

"In Christ there is no east or west"

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In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, companions in the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who loves and serves the living God is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Ode to Joy"

Beethoven, arr. G. Lyons



Announcements



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

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

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



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, May 16th. 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.

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

NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



Empowering Youth in Malawi

The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing



gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 2 We pray for Eastern Orthodox Christians as they celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Monday, May 3 We pray for the candidates for ministry and the guidance counsellors who will gather to engage in dialogue and reflection about vocation and discernment during the Guidance Conference this week.

Tuesday, May 4 (Asian Heritage Month) We give thanks for Asian cultures and people in Canada, and pray that their rich contributions to our history and our nation be honoured and remembered.

Wednesday, May 5 We pray for graduating theological students who are beginning the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Thursday, May 6 We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session as they, with ministers and fellow elders, provide leadership and pastoral care in congregations.

Friday, May 7 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Saturday, May 8 We pray for the safety of LGBTQI2+ refugees seeking sanctuary in Canada, and give thanks for the congregations and sponsors supporting them.