

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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May 3rd, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

"For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" – 1 Peter 2: 25

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"My shepherd is the King of love"*** **#691**

My shepherd is the King of love, whose goodness fails me never; for all things good from God above restore my soul forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul is guided, and where the verdant pastures grow, with heavenly food provided.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love you sought me, and on your shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with you, dear Lord, beside me; your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.

Prayer of Confession:

Ever-patient God, endless in love and abundant in mercy, we confess that too often we forget your love and withhold forgiveness, kindness and friendship from one another. You have called us to be compassionate, but too often we are cold and full of judgement towards each other. You have called us to follow Christ, but too often we are distracted by our own desires and plans. Forgive us all the ways we fall short of your hopes for us and renew a right spirit within us. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"*** **#485**

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us: much we need your tender care; in your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your folds prepare: blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have brought us; yours we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours; in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way; keep your flock from sin, defend us; seek us when we go astray: blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favour; let us always do your will. Jesus Christ our only Saviour, with yourself our spirits fill: blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have loved us; love us still.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Good Shepherd"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Solo: *"The Lord is My Shepherd"* **-Howard Goodall, arr. DeCesare**

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: *"All the way my Saviour leads me"* **#699**

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell; for I know, whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, gushing from the rock before me lo, a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me, oh the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way!"

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Musical Postlude "Brother James' Air (The Lord is My Shepherd)" **-Bain, arr. Shackley**

Announcements

We are sending prayers of joy and blessings to Rev. Roberto DeSandoli and Heather Burgess, for their wedding on May 9th!



Please know that through the magic of technology, on-line Sunday Worship Services will continue without interruption. However, there will not be a bulletin, or order of service available for May 10 and 17. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact your Elder, or the Pastoral Care Nurse, Laura Van Loon, at (306) 229-7846.

On the entranceway table – There are copies of the Presbyterian Connection, spring edition, and of “These Days”, a daily devotional for April, May and June. If these are things you normally pick up when you come into the church for worship, we can make sure you don’t miss out! Let the church office know, by phone or e-mail, and we can get them to you. Stay safe!



The next **FundScrip** order is due **NEXT SUNDAY**, May 10th. 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 for full details.



St. Andrew’s Global Walkers

St. Andrew’s Global Walkers will conclude their journey to the “Seven new wonders of the World” on April 30. This has been a well-attended virtual exercise that I am willing to organize and continue along the Meewasin Valley Trail as your Captain. At this time of isolation, we know that exercise helps to promote a healthy body, mind and spirit. We all need connections and socialization. It is wonderful to hear from you all at least once a

month with the tremendous number of steps, minutes, kilometers and miles you all complete. Your contribution matters to the collective goal set out by the Saskatoon Council on Aging, an association that is responsible for our 4-month journey.

I promise that there will be a party to celebrate when we can get together!

At this time, I am in cahoots with Chief Archivist of Saskatoon, author, speaker and terrific guy, Jeff O’Brien, who is providing all the highlights of the sites we will travel to along this 90 km of trail. It is most generous of Jeff to provide his exceptional talent and research for this journey. I promise you that Jeff will bring stories and tidbits about Saskatoon that will entice you and give you something to think about during your virtual journey. So, get out your water bottles, hats and walking sticks as we start out on a new adventure on May 1st. Please send your acceptance to join the St. Andrew’s Saskatoon Walking Group to Nurse Laura at lauralene66@gmail.com or by phone to Dorothy at the church.

In Our Wider Community

Below is a link, which is a petition requesting adequate shelter and supports for our community's most vulnerable, addressed to the Saskatchewan Government. Please sign the petition, forward this email or write your own and share this link on social media, if you would like to help. <https://www.change.org/p/premier-scott-moe-leave-no-one-behind-support-saskatchewan-s-most-vulnerable-during-covid-19>.