

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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April 26th, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

"You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Lord Jesus, You shall be My Song"***

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Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go: for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not set our hope on your Son Jesus Christ as we should. We confess that though you have done a new thing, given a new commandment, and shown us the way to eternal life, we often prefer to go back to our former comforts and old desires. Even though you have ransomed us with your precious blood, we still struggle to trust and to confess you in our hearts. Forgive us, O God, make in us a new and clean heart, teach us to be holy as you are holy, that we would grow more fully into who you intend us to be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1: 13-25

Luke 24: 13-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "You shall be holy"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Solo:

"Worthy is the Lamb"

-Ricky Manolo

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: "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger" #262

Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day. Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today. Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost, speak to us the prophets' message you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise. Offer us your broken body; open our unseeing eyes. Come to us, God's love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame. Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you as you walk with us each day. As a friend and not a stranger you would join us on our way. Help us trust that through your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend, and to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful till life's end!

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Musical Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

-Knapp, arr. Lanier

Announcements

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!

Wishing you all a very Happy Volunteer's Week! YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW'S!



May I thank each and every one of our parishioners and adherents who are reading this today the immense recognition you deserve for being an outstanding volunteer in all aspects of your lives. Without you at St. Andrew's, we would not be the friendly, wonderful community that you contribute to. With all hands-on deck, we have seen a terrific response to this very difficult time in our everyday lives. Our minister has enabled us to stay together through technology for which we are grateful. His fiancé has been a partner in all of this as a volunteer. Working together through and with all our committees and individuals means so much to all our staff. Thank you from everyone to everyone!! "And they'll know we are Christians by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love." (Hymnal # 256)

Blessings upon your Day. Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse



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

On Wednesday, April 29, at 3 pm, there is an opportunity to join a webinar to hear of Pope Francis and his vision for Christian unity. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please register in advance to njesson@archregina.sk.ca

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>.