ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Fran Gordon

September 5th, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost/Christian Education

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 and the traditional home of the Métis. 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 -Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

One: Put your confidence in God.
All: Those who have God as their helper will rejoice.
One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.
All: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.
One: So, put your trust in God's goodness.
All: Let God's reign endure forever! Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, first and last, our beginning and our end,
beside you there is nothing or no one greater.
You gave breath to all living things.
By your Spirit, you are among us still, breathing new life,
turning anger into reconciliation,
division into unity,

grief into consolation.
Through your grace, you open up new directions and new possibilities
for the world you love.
So, we offer you our lives and our labours in worship and in service,
joining in creation's song of praise and adoration:
Holy, holy, holy are you, O God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

Praise: ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*** ***#321***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation. my soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation. Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining. Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted through God's kind ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you; surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, when in great love God befriends you.

Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring, all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring! Let the Amen sound from God's people again: now and forever adoring!

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy,
we know you judge the world with an eye for the poor and outcast.
We confess we fail to live with the same eye for those on the margins.
We have been silent when we should have spoken up,
and uncaring in the face of injustice.
We have not shown the same generosity to others that you have shown us.
Forgive us for putting ourselves first,
and help us to serve you with the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon -Bonnie Mahlum

Children's Time -Martha Fergusson

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Blest are they"*** ***#624***

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me. Rejoice and be glad – yours is the kingdom – shine for all to see.

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit.
As the scriptures are read and interpreted, may we hear what you are saying to the church today, and find the courage to follow your will. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 146
James 2: 1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Leader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Two Sides of the Same Coin" -Alicia Monson

Invitation to the Offering

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 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: ***"A new commandment"*** ***#225***

"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all know you are my

disciples: if you have love one for another; by this shall all know you are my disciples: if you have love one for another."

Benediction and Sung Response
Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, September 6th, for Labour Day.

The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is on vacation until September 13! We pray for rest and rejuvenation. If you have a pastoral care emergency in the next week, please contact your elder, or Laura Van Loon at 306-229-7846.

The next **FundScrip** order is due **NEXT SUNDAY**, September 12th. 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.



FROM OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Welcome barbeque on Sunday, September 19, after morning Worship. Bring lawn chairs to sit outside. Everyone welcome!

Welcome to Church School
Fall in-person start up
Sunday September 19th
11:00 Worship & Classes
Ages 4- 11 in the Lower Hall
Ages 12 - 16 Upper Room
More Info? Call Martha 306 270 2378



CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED



Dear Friends,
The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.
We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.
Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.
Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.
With thanks,
The Worship and Music Committee.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Monday, September 20th**. Submissions may be emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP! Please note online worship will continue. Everyone is welcome! Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. The nursery is under construction, and the remainder of the lower hall is not yet open to use.



BIKE- WALK CLUB Last night was so perfect for a ride around the River! They choose the North Route to the 42 Street over the River and back down to the Broadway Bridge. These kids can bike -. speeds of 35 km per hour we reached - just WOW! The shorter route was to Archibald Rink and back. A walker was looking for a buddy- maybe that could be you!! The next Club nights are **September 13, 20 and 27th**.
One of our Club goals is to participate Biking and Walk in the Ride for Refuge. We welcome all bikers and walkers to come to ride that day!! Read below for more info or Call Martha 306 270 2378
If you would like to bike ride on **Saturday, October 2, 2021,** for the **PWS&D Ride for Refuge** please contact the office and be part of St. Andrew's Saskatoon Team for 2021. So far we have at least 7 riders, Allan Ireland, Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson Martha Fergusson, Ayen Malek members, and the Tabien Family. You are welcome to come down to the church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021, and meet for the ride. People choose their own distance as they are able. All ages welcome and we will have covid -19 supplies in place for a healthy, safe, and meaningful ride.
Read the information to learn more but we already registered the team -see below the other post about donating.
https://presbyterian.ca/search-results/?cx=xyz&q=ride+for+refuge

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

Our Wider Community

Haiti Crisis Response

In the early morning of August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern peninsula of Haiti. Access to food, water, electricity, water, communication and transportation is critically difficult. Exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, Tropical Storm Grace hit the island two days later. All of this comes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the turmoil that followed the recent assassination of Haiti's president.
Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as these are very trying times for so many.
Immediate needs include food, water and shelter. PWS&D is planning to respond through partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.
You can also make a gift through St. Andrew's or through the PWS&D website. Please mark your donation "Haiti Crisis."

Sunday, September 5 — **MISSION MOMENT**

Hearing God's Call



Joshua Su, a lay missionary at the Taiwanese Robert Campbell Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Quebec, saw a need on Montreal's south shore for Christian community and worship among Mandarin-speaking people. With the support of the congregation and Cyclical PCC, Joshua was able to start a network of small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, discussion and prayer. One of the goals of this new and growing worshipping community is to equip leaders to work alongside Joshua as they start new intergenerational discipleship groups. Following in the Apostle Paul's footsteps, leaders within this ministry are hearing God's call to share the gospel in the world.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 5 We pray for the Rev. David Mang, Joshua Su and for the new worshipping communities growing in the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

Monday, September 6 (Labour Day) We pray for the safety and well-being of all workers, and for fair pay and benefits for all.

Tuesday, September 7 (Rosh Hashanah) We pray for our Jewish neighbours who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah (New Year's Day) and the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Wednesday, September 8 (World Literacy Day) We give thanks for the gift of literacy and for teachers and tutors who pass on the gift of reading and writing.

Thursday, September 9 We pray for all of the students attending theological colleges who are beginning or resuming their studies. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Friday, September 10 We pray for Csilla Bertalan, Director of Samuel House, and her colleagues as they provide Christian care to underprivileged children in Romania.

Saturday, September 11 We pray for peace in Palestine and Israel so that all children may grow up in a safe place with equal opportunities.