

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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September 6th, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

-Matthew 18: 20

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Jesus calls us here to meet him"

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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 his 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:

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we confess that we are a people divided,

Within ourselves and against one another.

We cling to the values and habits of a broken world.

The fears and jealousies we harbour set neighbour against neighbour, and nation against nation.

In our sinfulness, we proclaim perfection for ourselves, and hopelessness for our foes.

Have mercy upon us, O God.

Heal us, forgive us, and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Oh for a world where everyone"

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Oh for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

Oh for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

Oh for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 119: 33-40

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Together in Christ"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Trio: "Kum Ba Ya"

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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:

"Joyful, joyful we adore you"

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Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays; stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain,

flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest. God Creator, Christ our Saviour, all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to love our neighbour; lift us to your joy above.

Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part, for what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart! Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Just As I Am"

Bradbury arr. López



Announcements



The church offices will be closed tomorrow, September 7th, for Labour Day.

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th**. 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.

The latest "These Days", a daily devotional for October, November and December, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen.



Virtual Choir rehearsals start on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 via Zoom. St. Andrew's Virtual Choir will present 5 anthems between September and the end of December (by video). If you would like to receive expert singing advice from Terri-Lynn, and instruction in the finer points of singing the anthems, please contact Gillian at gillianlyons@sasktel.net

Exciting progress! In response to our congregation, **we have updated our website to serve you.** In an effort to make online giving even easier, we have updated standrews-saskatoon.com with a shiny new "Donate" button. To find out more, please click the blue button in the top right corner of the website or visit standrews-saskatoon.com/donate



PWS&D Response to COVID-10 (continued)

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has many of us feeling uncertain about the future. What began as a global health crisis has only worsened the inequalities that exist for so many around the world.

Many have seen livelihoods and employment either severely limited or completely lost. Families are worried about meeting their most pressing needs, especially for food. The United Nations is warning of the potential for famine and estimates that the number of people suffering from acute hunger might double in 2020, potentially reaching a quarter of a billion people. As a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank,

PWS&D will respond to hunger needs as much as we are able. PWS&D will also provide support to longer-term ACT Alliance COVID-19 projects.

In addition to previous examples of where PS&D is working and what it is doing in response to COVID-19, here are two more –

Malawi

In Malawi, PWS&D partners have cancelled large community meetings but are still providing as much one-on-one support as they are able. Partners are also purchasing personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves and gowns, and cleaning and disinfecting supplies. A gift of \$50 provides a kit of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health workers, including masks, gloves, gowns, etc.

Guatemala

While PWS&D partners in Guatemala aren't able to continue their regular community work because of a government-imposed lockdown, they're still doing what they can. To help prevent the spread of coronavirus, they are using radio messages and social media to provide communities with information regarding safety and prevention measures.

To support this COVID-19 response, donate through St. Andrew's, directly through the PWS&D website (<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/>) or call 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 x291. **Please include "COVID Response" on your cheque in the designation field online.**



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES.

Hi everyone. Nothing new this week, but we would like to thank everyone that have helped with this ministry over the summer. As things open up, you would think that the need would diminish, but it doesn't seem to, so thank you. If you haven't had an opportunity to take part please take a look at the items needed below.

SNMCM

- Gently used summer clothing. (pants, shirts, t-shirts, socks and footwear) There is a special request for decorative scarves.
- 6 x 6 ft sheet of linoleum to help with renovations to one of the washrooms at the mission.

Crisis Nursery

- Paper goods (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, etc.)
- Grocery items (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, veggies and unsweetened snacks that children will eat)
- Monetary or gift card donations

Friendship Inn

- Grocery items (canned goods, rice, carrots, onions, juice boxes, soup stocks, granola bars, flour etc.)
- Toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner
- Formula and diapers

Interval House

- Gift cards or monetary donations for the moment.

Egadz

- Hotel sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion.
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Fresh fruit and vegetables to help provide a supper meal for the youth during the week.
- Formula
- New socks or underwear.

YWCA Women's Shelter

- Full sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion.
- Sun screen
- Razors, deodorant, Toothbrushes/paste
- New or gently used towels and facecloths

Ecumenical Chaplaincy

- If you have a little time take a look at the promotional video put out by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy that shows some of the ministries that they are involved with. The link is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl_H3rr2IKY

As always, we are looking for new ways that we can reach out and share God's love with those in our community. If you have an idea of how we can do this, please contact one of the committee members and we will try it out. We are Al Ireland (244-7386), Sharon Nixon (978-9577), Linda Dietz (653-0953), and Heather Kolojay (281-3029).

