

Saint Andrew's United Church

We are called to be the united church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 19th, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

++ Please rise in body or spirit

MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;

TLUS = Then Let Us Sing

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

God be with you.

And also with you.

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.

CANDLE LIGHTING

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

Siblings in Christ, let us come before God in worship.

We come before God in fear;

we come before God in joy.

We come before God in anger;

we come before God in wonder;

we come before God in sadness.

Let us come before God in prayer,

bringing all that we are:

God hears our prayer, and responds.

WE CENTRE IN GOD:

In this harvest season,
we become aware of all that you provide.

**In this harvest season,
we have a glimpse of your kingdom
in which there is enough for all,
more than enough,
justice and grace and the stuff of life,
overflowing.**

Give us confidence then to ask for your goodness:

**to pray without ceasing,
and to share it with all your children!**

++HYMN: MV 27 – “Creator God, You Gave Us Life”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

You called up the hills, God;
you set the stars in the sky;
everything that is, has its source in you.
So say our scriptures; so says our worship.
But are your hands too big, your purposes too grand,
for the small things?

**Do you see my sadness, my fear,
my guilt, my grief, my rage?
Do you see my broken relationships; do you see my
failing health; do you see my dashed hopes?
Do you know the guilt that gnaws at me?**

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

Children of God,
God delights in us,
and our hopes and dreams and prayers speak in the heart of God.

**God is already at work in us,
holding what is broken,
honouring what cannot be fixed,**

opening new possibilities for our flourishing.

Do not cease to pray, for God is with us.

WE RESPOND: MV 156 – “Dance With the Spirit”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: Reader: Cathy Waller

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 [VU 844]

Luke 18:1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: MV 28 – “God of the Bible”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER TLUS 70 [Sung]

MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

++OFFERTORY: VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own,
whate’er the gift may be.
All that we have is yours alone;
we give it gratefully.

The offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

We thank you now for your gifts, God.

**We thank you for time, for talent, for treasure -
all that enables us to live and to serve you.**

But most of all, we thank you for wonder:
the sense of awe that connects us
to the depth and width of your creation,
the sweep of your grand vision for us.

**Caught up in wonder, singing your story,
we offer our selves to you.**

++HYMN: MV 120 – “My Soul Cries Out”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: “For You, Deep Stillness”

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Prayers in this worship service are taken from Celebrate God’s Presence.

