

# Saint Andrew's United Church

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

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**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**

You called out to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem,  
and they heard you.

**You called out to 12 disciples in Galilee,  
and they served you.**

You called out to Paul in Damascus,  
and he spoke about you.

**You called out to St. Francis in Rome,  
and he loved you.**

You called out to the founders of the United Church,  
and they followed you.

**Your voice has called to us throughout the ages.**

Your voice is heard all over the earth.

**Be with us as we listen today.**

Thanks be to God who calls us closer.

**Let us worship in response to that call.**

Written by Louise Hart, *gatheringworship.ca*. Adapted.

## **WE CENTRE IN GOD:**

Calling and sending God,

**We have come at your call.**

For some of us your call is a quiet voice in the silence;

**For some of us, rage at injustice;**

For some, delight in your goodness.

**All of us have come at your call.**

Speak to us;

**tell us how we may be poured out**

**in service to your dream for our our world.**

**++HYMN:** MV 12 – “Come Touch Our Hearts”

## **WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:**

We are your people, Loving God. We affirm that basic statement of faith with our words, but too often we fail to live that truth with our actions.

We declare that we want to make a difference, but at times we are indifferent to the needs we may not even notice around us.

We commit to caring for all that you have made, but then ignore the health and wellness of your creation.

We assert that we love others, but we do not acknowledge our neighbours in need of loving-kindness.

**Arouse in us, O God, new vision for the future and new commitment for your truth. May our spirits be open to the great challenges ahead, and may our senses attend to the cries that surround us everywhere.**

Receive now, O God, our own personal prayers of confession.

*[Silent Prayer]*

## **AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:**

In all that we do and wherever we go, God is close to us, offering inner strength and support. In God we have guidance and encouragement; in God we are ever thankful.

*Written by Bill Steadman, gatheringworship.ca.*

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

### **TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE:**      **Reader:** Nancy Mawson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Psalms 84:1-7 [VU 800]

Luke 18:9-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON:**

**++HYMN:** MV 172 – “God Says”

## **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 161 – “I Have Called You By Your Name”**

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD**

### **++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

### **EXTROIT: MV 213 – “Take Up His Song”**

## **END OF WORSHIP**

## **BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**



*Prayers in this worship service are  
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