

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (Williams Lake)**

February 13, 2022

1:00 pm

**ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY\***

Ministers of the Gospel: Everyone!

Minister of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care: Rev Nancy Colton

Music Director: Rocco Catalano

Pianist: Michael Bruce

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**Order of Service**

**Welcome to Worship and the Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Land Acknowledgement and Grounding**

**Centering Hymn** – *Lord, listen to your children praying* VU 400

**Greeting**

One: God is good  
**All: all the time.**  
One: All the time  
**All: God is good.**

**Settler Acknowledgement of Our Commitment  
to Truth and Reconciliation**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: God is here  
**All: all the time.**  
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One: All are welcome  
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**All: All are welcome.**

**Call to Worship** (Jeremiah 4:1-10)

One: As one week finishes and another week begins, we have come to this house of worship that we might place ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, and all our cares and joys in the embrace of God, whose welcome is always assured.

**All: We come confident that God is always with us.  
We come thankful that, in this world in which we live,  
we have this place to call our spiritual home and people  
to companion us on our journey. We come to give thanks.**

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**Opening Prayer**

Ever-faithful God, we gather to worship and share in the work of this congregation. We celebrate the wonder of your goodness and the miracle of your call to faith-filled service and discipleship. Empower us to commit ourselves to the way of love, justice, and mercy. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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**Hymn** – *It's a song of praise to the maker* MV 30

**Prayers for the Congregation**

One: May we find the strength or work together in this pastoral charge.  
**All: We pray for the will and the faith to be creative and kind in our relationships with one another.**  
One: In conflict, confusion, chaos and violence in our local community and in other areas of Canada and beyond, when dreams are destroyed and justice is ignored, help us to not give up, O God.  
**All: In sickness and as we age,  
when the vulnerabilities of our bodies is evident,  
help us to honour the gifts we are and have.**  
One: God calls and equips us to care for one another; may we step forward in faith: faith in God, faith in our community, faith in ourselves, to do the right thing.

*(a time of offering personal prayers)*

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Let us gather our prayers as we sing the prayer  
that Jesus left us...

**The Lord’s Prayer (sung)**

VU 959

**Sharing Scripture**

Psalms 138  
Luke 5:1-11

VU p. 860

**Sermon** – With my whole heart.... Thank you

the ability to communicate with others;  
the wisdom to discern our needs and the needs of others;  
the awareness that we are not alone;  
the promise of a life of hope and encouragement.

**All: May we be thankful for the gifts of God, now  
and always.**

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**Closing Hymn – Will you come and follow me**

VU 567

**Sending Forth**

**Commissioning**

One: Beloved of God, Christ follower,  
go into this world in which Jesus lived and heed  
his call to follow your heart, not your fears.

**All: We will bless the world with our imagination,  
transform it with our courage, and enliven it  
with our compassion.**

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**Benediction**

May the Creator uphold you.  
May the Redeemer restore you.  
May the Sustainer release you.  
And through this blessed grace, may you share  
the Good News of life, poured out for everyone and everything,  
Everywhere.  
Amen.

**Sending Song – May the God of hope go with us**

VU 424

Amen and amen and amen.

**WE MOVE INTO OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*“Worship and work shall be one...”*

**WE MOVE BACK INTO WORSHIP**

**Prayer – In Gratitude**

One: We look around us and we see many gifts from  
those in our midst –  
a warm smile and a soothing nod;  
a kind word and a pleasant hello;  
a helpful hand and a friendly welcome.

**All: May we be thankful for the gifts of God’s  
people everywhere.**

One: We look around us and we notice many gifts  
received from loved ones near and far –  
a special picture or an ornate vase;  
a ceramic bowl or a treasured mug;  
a thoughtful book or an inspiring print.

**All: May we be thankful for the gifts of our family  
and friends.**

One: We look around us and we are aware of the many  
gifts God has provided for us –

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\* Combining elements of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Epiphany;  
*Called to be the Church: The Journey\** –  
A Series through the Season of Epiphany;  
&  
*Gathering: Advent/Christmas/Epiphany* from various years.

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\*The trio who undertook the *Stewardship Buzz* webinar series with me last fall in collaboration with the Worship Committee are pleased to share another of the national church’s Stewardship/Discipleship resources with the congregation: “*Called to be the Church: The Journey/The Congregational Giving Program/Discover Your Gifts – Share Your Gifts: Five Sundays in Epiphany.*” These resources were collaboratively prepared by:

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## The Life and Work of our Congregation

**Thank you** for being with us this afternoon, in the sanctuary or in your home, I’m so glad you’ve chosen to come.

**Please take your bulletin home with you.**

**COVID reminder** – if you’re not feeling well, please stay home.

**Thank you for continuing to support St. Andrew’s** with your offering and PAR. We do appreciate your support for the ongoing work of the church.

**Rev Nancy will be on vacation** – February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

**Healing Pathway Zoom Healing Sessions** will resume on Tuesday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. and will be offered on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Please note the TIME CHANGE and call Brenda if you wish to receive.