

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

February 12, 2023

10:00 am

Sunday Worship – 6th after Epiphany

Lay Minister: Rocco Catalano

Music Director: Rocco Catalano

Pianist: Carl Johnson

Stand Up Bass: Hal Giles

Order of Service

Welcome/Announcements and Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

The Peace

One: In the name of Jesus, who is alive in each of us, Peace to you.

All: And Also with you.

One: I encourage you to offer each other a non-contact sign of peace.

Centering for Worship

Hymn – “Love is the Touch”

MV 89

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn – “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

MV 10

Opening Prayer*

One: Let Us Pray Together

All: “Most Holy God, May we open our senses to take in the miracle that is the birth of your son, Jesus Christ, to marvel at. The wonder of Mary giving birth to this precious child, and to follow the star as it guides us to the beautiful city of Bethlehem. May we, this day and every day, renew our faith in you so that we may continue to live in Service to you. Amen.” *[Tony Tuck, First U.C., Mount Pearl, Nfld & Lab]

Prayer of Confession*

One: “...Prince of peace, Messiah, Son of God. We give thanks this day for the mystery and wonder of who you are, the power of your teachings, the gift of your healings, and the holiness revealed in your living.

All: We celebrate that you are not just some historical figure. We serve a living, loving God. Forgive us when we live as if we do not know you or serve you. Forgive us when we are weak in our resolve. Through cross and manger, you have freed us to new life. Equip us to live like people of the incarnate, risen Lord. Amen. *[Elaine Bidgood Sveet, First Lutheran, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota]

(A time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hymn – *“I am a Child of God”*

MV 157

Scripture Readings – John Christoffersen

DEUTERONOMY 119: 1 – 9

1ST CORINTHIANS 3: 1 – 9

Hymn – “Jesus Christ is Waiting”

VU 117

MATTHEW 5: 21- 37

Sermon

Hymn - *“Take my life and Let it Be”*

VU 506

Opening Prayer*

One: “God of all people, we bring our gifts to you. May our offerings be used to prepare the world for Christ’s coming.

All: May these offerings and the Goodwill of our hearts and lives be magnified and multiplied to bring love, justice, and compassion for our work here in Williams Lake and our work in the world. Amen.” *[Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich, Broadway U.C., Thunder Bay, Ont.]

Minute for Mission – Ross McCoubrey

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

One: As we continue to adjust to the results of the Covid pandemic, give us strength to improve our ties with others that have been affected due to Covid, especially to those who were not able to move freely out of their places of living.

All: Christ, please support our efforts in this regard.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

VU 959

Commissioning and Benediction

Hymn – “We are Marching” (“Siyahamba”)

VU 646

*These prayers & / or readings are found in The United Church,
“gathering” Resource Planner – Epiphany 2023

The Worship Committee – thank you and looking for someone to help... Thank you to Ken Awmack who has agreed to help organize the Zoom component of the weekly worship services. The Worship Committee and Ken are looking for another person, or a couple of people, to help him look after the Zoom component of the weekly worship services. If you're interested, please speak to a member of the Worship Committee (John Christoffersen, Judy Fletcher, or Linda Sullivan) or Ken Awmack.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

February 19 Heather Awmack leading worship
February 26 Linda Hicks & Judy Fletcher leading worship
March 5 John Christoffersen leading worship
March 12 Judy Fletcher leading worship

Pancake & Sausages Supper on Tuesday, February 21st at St. Peter's Anglican Church at 5:00 pm. Let's get together with our friends from the Anglican Church, come one come all.