

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

March 19, 2023

10:00 am

Order of Service

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that, we gather on the unceded land of the Secwepemc and Tsilhqot'in Nation. Their spirituality, like Christianity, celebrates the relationship between humans, God and Nature.

Announcements:

Passing of Peace:

Centering for Worship:

Hymn – *'Open our hearts'*

MV 21

Lighting of the Christ candle:

Call to Worship:

Hymn – *'Breathe one me, breath of God'*

VU 382

Opening Prayer:

One: God, we've come thirsty – thirsty for your Spirit

All: Living water, bubble up from inside us and lead us toward deep spirituality

One: God, we've come hungry – hungry for community

All: Bread of Life, feed our spirits, and lead us towards bold discipleship in community

One: God we've come searching – searching for wholeness

All: Source of Life, guide us, and lead us toward daring Justice

One: God, feed, nourish, and prepare us to be your Church in the world

All: Amen

-Alydia Smith and Theresa Burnett – Coe, credit

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance:

One: No matter who we are, no matter what we have done, God, understanding and forgiving, reaches out to Enfold us in his loving arms and make us whole

All: We are forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

Credit – George Allan, Chatham Ont.

Scripture Reading:

23 Psalm
Thessalonians 3, 6-13

Hymn – ‘I am the light of the World’

VU 87

Sermon: ‘Struggle against going backwards’
By Stephan Brooks, Trinity Methodist Church. St. Martin

Presentation of the Offering:

Hymn – ‘We give thee but thine own’

VU 543

Minute for Mission:
Days for Girls:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Lord’s Prayer

Commissioning and Benediction:

See Insert – ‘May the light of God shine on us today’

Choral Benediction

‘May the light of God shine on us today’

*May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
Lead us back if we should stray;
May the light of God shine on us today.*

*May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us
Show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us
As we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us,
(May the love of God live in us)
May the light of God shine on us today,
And every day!*

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Sunday School

In person sessions will be held during the worship Service on April 2. Please invite any families Who might be interested.

Zoom

The worship services will continue to be available to Participate via Zoom, thanks to Ken Awmack and Janet Whalley, who have offered to look after the Zoom Component of the services. If you would like to join this team and take a turn, please talk to Ken or Janet.

HERE IS THE ZOOM LINK, MEETING ID AND PASSCODE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Topic: Sunday Worship at St. Andrew's United Church
Time: Every Sunday at 09:30 am – Vancouver

Meeting ID: 873 3436 7058
Passcode: 167590

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services:

March 19 – Darlene Neels Leading Worship
March 26 – Linda Hicks and John Christoffersen Leading Worship
April 2 –
April 9 – (Easter Sunday) John Christoffersen and Linda Hicks
Leading Worship
April 16 –
April 23 –

