# Sunday Oct 6, 2024 10:30am Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church World Communion Sunday

### Prelude/Announcement video

# Greetings

May the Loving Creator be with you **And also with you.** 

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement Community Update Moment to Gather Ourselves

# Lighting The Christ Candle

Loving Christ, your light burns within us and guides us.

We don't need a candle to know that you are with us, but together this glow reminds us of your presence.

Jesus, your light is alive in the darkest places across this planet.

We don't understand why we are all so different, and why there is so much violence in our world, but we trust in your guiding light.

We light this candle now in your honour.

May its tiny flame ignite passion for service in our worship this morning.

Hymn: VU 509, I The Lord Of Sea And Sky

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
 I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

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# Holy Wondering: What's the difference?

# Ukulele Song: MV 196, We Will Take What You Offer

We will take what you offer,

We will live by your word;

We will love one another

And be fed by you, Lord.

We will take what you offer,

We will live by your word;

We will love one another

And be fed by you, Lord.

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### **Prayer Of Confession**

Loving One, we are not always loving.

Gracious One, we are not always yielding.

Inspiring One, we don't always build each other up.

But we trust in you. In these moments to come, hear our sadness, regret, fear, and help us feel worthy of your presence.

(silence)

We pray in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

### Words Of Assurance

God calls us to wholeness, as individuals, as communities, as nations.

God calls us to love.

When we come before God asking for wholeness and love, there is much rejoicing in heaven and earth.

We are a forgiven people, thanks be to God.

# Scripture: Genesis 2: 18-24; Mark 10: 2-16

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: At The Table Of The Lord

Message: Celebrating community

# Offering Our Gifts

We recognize all the gifts donated to help Christ's ministry here in Brighton, and this offering is one way we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet here in Brighton. As we pass the plate, we are also honouring gifts of ministry and love for Christ's work expressed in other ways.

# Offering Hymn: VU 467, One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless; and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. R
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. R
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. R

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# Blessing The Offerings:

Here is what we have brought today: money, commitment, and love.

Take all our offerings, we pray, and with them change the world.

May we all live as you have created us, knowing that you are at the centre of all our communities, however they look.

We thank you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

# Invitation to Communion Communion Prayer

May Christ Jesus be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts to God!

We lift our hearts in joy and gratitude!

Let's praise our creator with all we have.

It is good to sing praise with grateful hearts!

Across the world, people are lifting the bread made by their grandmothers and their mothers before them. They are lifting a staple that symbolizes care and nurture, nourishment and tradition.

Across this world there are also people with no bread to lift, who cry out for justice, who live in fear and worry and grief, but who cling to the traditions of care and nurture of their grandmothers, even in times of hunger and confusion.

Gracious God, we know our world is not just.

Brother Jesus, we know you weep at what we have made of your world.

Enlivening Spirit, we know you don't give up on any of us.

As we lift up the bread and juice this morning with give thanks for all we have, Knowing that it is by accident of birth, coincidence of connections, and unfair systems that allow us to worship in peace, while others must gather in secret; so we come before you humbly, acknowledging a world of power and privilege imbalance, laying our hearts and lives before you in surrender.

Gracious God, hear our prayers.

Loving Jesus, teach us new ways.

Holy Spirit, find us ready.

Loving God, cleanse our hearts and help us to release the things that no longer serve you, and cling to the goodness and mercy you offer. We gather all our experience and knowledge, all our confessions and shame, all our joy and celebration, and offer them to you with deep gratitude and trust as sing our faith now:

### Santo Santo Santo VU 951

Santo Santo Santo
Mi Corazon te adora
Mi corazon te sabe decir
eres santo Dios.
Holy Holy
My heart my heart adores you
My heart is glad to say the words
You are holy God.

We gather, Holy One, in the name of your Son,

Who was no stranger to suffering and frustration.

Still, he also experienced the care and love of human families.

He taught about your desire for joy, health and life for us.

He taught about your eternal, powerful presence that continues to surround us quietly, waiting for invitation to enter our lives.

With his life and death he exposed the brutality of human empire and power In the face of injustice, he willingly shared your love until the end.

When his hour arrived, he sat at table with his friends, knowing one of them would betray him, but loving them anyway.

When they had finished eating, he lifted a loaf of bread, blessed it and broke it, saying

# This is my body, broken for you.

(The bread is broken)

With this action he reminds us even today, that in accepting our own brokenness, we are strengthened and blessed by the God of eternal love.

After they had eaten bread, he lifted the cup, blessed it, and passed it around, saying

This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in my blood.

(The wine is poured)

With this action he reminds us even today, that through his sacrifice we are strengthened and blessed by the God of eternal love.

We pray that by sharing this holy meal, thousands of years later, we may again feel the presence of Christ, be sanctified by his soul, saved by his broken body, enlivened by his spilled blood, and cleansed by the water that poured from his wounds.

We pray that by sharing of his body, we may participate in his saving work in our world today and beyond.

Loving God, send your Spirit upon all we do today, and make us ready to become the children you created us to be.

In sharing this meal, we are united in solidarity with all the generations before us who came to this table, and the generations still to come: we are united in solidarity with all the families and communities across this planet who come to the table.

In lifting up this mystery, we acknowledge our faith with wonder, saying:

Christ has come

**Christ is risen** 

Christ will come again

We remember now, with tender care, all those who cannot be present with us. We offer a moment of silence gracious God, and ask you to bless and heal us and those we love...

(Prayers are lifted for others today as we remember especially:

Keith Stainton; Betty; Bob and Joanne Hoekstra and the family of Doug Phelan; family of Eric deVos.

Please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

Laurraine; Rebecca; Chris; The McArthur family; Bill; Alda; Nancy; Larry; Philippa; Ken; Mike; Suzanne; Richard; Henry; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Chyvonne.

Gathering all our prayers in deep care, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wing, we pray to you now as wondrous spirit, gentle parent, and:

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Distribution of the elements

(music as the people receive bread in the pews, then we all eat together) This is the body of Christ, broken for you

### Thanks be to God

(music as the people receive the cup in the pews, then we all drink together)

This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in Christ's blood

# Thanks be to God

# **Prayer After Communion**

Holiest One, we are sent forth now by your blessing, and to be a blessing.

May our steps be courageous, enlivened as we are by your caring spirit:

May our intentions be loving, held as we are by Christ's power:

And may our actions be worthy of you, filled as we are by this radical meal of change, challenge and love. Bless us now in the name of the one we serve. Amen.

# Closing Hymn: VU 481, Sent Forth By God's Blessing

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, O now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
  - God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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# Sending Forth

The meal has ended; we are fed!

May Christ's holy meal prepare us to be his body in this world.

We never go alone. At home, abroad, standing up to injustice, feeling the weight of the world...

we are never alone.

We leave here nourished by Christ's sacrifice and ministry: may we be agents of holiness in our communities, even if we don't realize it!

May God bless our coming and going, in Jesus' name.

Choral Amen: Amen Amen Amen.

### Postlude

#### Announcements

**Please join us** in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Oct 6, 2024 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$8 per nametag.

**Scent Free Environment** – Some of you may have forgotten that Trinity-St. Andrew's is a scent free environment. Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**Upcoming** 

Sun Oct 6 9am, Sunday Breakfast

10:30am Worship – World Communion Sunday

Tues Oct 8 3pm, Affirm & Equity Committee

Wed Oct 9 10am Bible Study

5pm Supper's Ready

Thurs Oct 10 9am Joyful Strummers

9:30am Choir

10:30am Worship Committee

Sun Oct 13 10:30am, Worship

...and mark your calendars for Community Breakfast on Sunday Oct. 6, 9am and Roast Beef Dinner on October 25<sup>th,</sup> 5pm!

### **Treasurer Report**

	YTD August 2024	YTD August 2023
TOTAL INCOME	\$154,526	\$126,581
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$169,602	\$159,411
VARIANCE	(\$15,076)	(\$32,830)
General Fund BALANCE	\$39,038	
CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE	\$43,841	

**Bible Study** is starting again, every Wednesday morning at 10am, in the Quiet Room, a group of us meet to discuss the upcoming scripture readings or sometimes a book. You are invited to join us. Reach out to Rev. Wanda at <a href="maintenant-minister@trinitystandrews.ca">minister@trinitystandrews.ca</a> if you need more information

**Fundraising**.....It is that time of year once again! Please return your Loonie/Twoonie boxes to Sharon McMullen or the church office. Thank you for your support.

**Migrant Workers requests**....the migrant workers are in need of some items. If you are able to help, speak with Elizabeth Scriven or call the church office. 613-475-1311 Work boots many sizes, Work pants and lined pants 32-40, Rain coat, Floor fan, Blender

One of the men is interested in taking back: Bowties, Waistcoats, Induction cooktop, Pressure cooker, Cycling shorts, Dolly, Food dehydrator

### We Have a Place For You!

As fall approaches, we look forward to some new beginnings. Maybe it's time for YOU to consider a new beginning. How about joining the team of folks who read the scriptures during the service for us, or those who welcome us when we arrive before the service, or even become part of the team who count our weekly offerings after the service? We'll provide the "How To's" if you'll provide the "Here I am!". Start by speaking to Ellen Goodeve at church or by calling 613-475-5732, or speak to Pamela in the office.

### Affirm Terminology for October... Understanding Nonbinary Terminology.

Many people use the term genderqueer interchangeably with nonbinary. However, others may differentiate between the terms and identify as one and not the other.

People who are nonbinary but who identify to some extent with a particular gender may describe themselves as demigender. Different demigenders include demiboy, demigirl or demifluid. Many other nonbinary gender identities exist. These include but are not limited to bigender, multigender, gender neutral, androgynous, gender fluid and genderqueer.

**LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.** This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to join a group of the same to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, contact Jeanette Cournoyer or email: <a href="mailto:brightonlgbtqfamilyspprtgrp@gmail.com">brightonlgbtqfamilyspprtgrp@gmail.com</a>.

**Volunteers are needed** for a research study of online support group use for Queer & Trans People with cancer. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the hall by washrooms for more information if you are interested. Thank you.

# Hate Crimes Against 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Surge

An alarming trend of escalating hate crimes targeting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community has been brought to light in a recent Statistics Canada report. The data shows a staggering 225% increase in hate crimes based on sexual orientation over the past five years. The United Church of Canada has also seen a concerning rise in hate-related incidents directed at its affirming communities. These senseless acts, including vandalism, harassment, and online abuse, highlight the urgent need for increased awareness and support. Read the <u>full news story</u> and be an ally for LGBTQIA+ people in your community!

175th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale. To celebrate Trinity-St. Andrew's 175th anniversary, a commemorative t-shirt is available for purchase. Featuring original artwork by our very own Sandra Candeloro, the shirt has a beautiful dove flying over a colourful rainbow with the words "Welcoming All Since 1848". Shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

**Quinte Transit** is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

**This Week In Property:** 6 security cameras have been purchased (from an Ontario Gov't Grant) for the hall and Church exterior. Installation was completed Oct. 2 and the cameras will be commissioned next week. At a later time, a camera system will be considered for the Clothing Depot building.

Sharing Stand...Returning for its 2nd season, Grandmother's Advocacy Network Northumberland (GRAN) will be hosting the Sharing Stand on the front lawn of Trinity-St. Andrew' United Church, Mondays & Wednesdays 10am to 7pm until Oct 9. The stand provides fresh produce to anyone looking to stretch their food budget. When planning your gardens, please consider planting extra for the stand. "Share what you can, take what you need." Thank you for your support.

**Save the date.....October 20, 2-5pm,** a **Thanksgiving season drop in at** John and Rev. Wanda's home. Please reach out to the office for more information.

**Applefest Harvest High Tea**, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm, \$20. King Edward Community Centre. Tickets at Applefest Lodge, Barratt's Office Pro or call Alicia 905-372-6955.

Please note the new office hours.

This is a trial and will be reassessed in the new year.

The church office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm

Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.



