Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church Sunday, Sept 25, 2022

10:30am

Prelude

May the Lord be with you **And also with you**

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

We come to sing praise to the Lord

We come to listen, to reflect, to find a better way.

God is here, almighty sovereign, generous creator.

God is here, light of the world, shining in our hearts.

shining from this candle,

shining into all the shadows that we fear:

We light this candle now,

remembering that light reveals the path before us.

May we worship now with gladness.

Opening Hymn: VU 220, Praise To The Lord

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation; O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation. Come, all who hear:
 - brothers and sisters draw near, joining in glad adoration.
- Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning, keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by God's gracious ordaining?
- Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us: ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love will befriend us.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen

sound from God's people again:

gladly with praise we adore him.

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Time To Reflect: Apple Trees

Sing: MV 37, Each Blade Of Grass

- Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars, the waves that sweep across a distant shore, make full the circle of God.
 Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye, a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky, make full the circle of God.
- Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone, the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb, make full the circle of God.
 Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry out-stretched hand, the wind that leaps and sails across the land, make full the circle of God.
- 3. Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell, the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells, make full the circle of God.

 Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way, all form the beauty of this vast array, making full the circle of God.

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Scripture Luke 16: 13-31

These are the stories of our faith;

May God bless our understanding and bring us new life.

Anthem: Psalm 91, On Eagle's Wings

Sermon

Prayer in Response:

Powerful Christ,

we are grateful that you came to us as a child,

who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported, and taught you the way of your ancestors.

You have asked us to do the same:

to treat every child as we would treat you,

to love every person as you have loved us.

We are grateful that

your power is rooted in love, not force;

your strength is displayed through community, not might.

You have taught us to work toward a better world where all of creation thrives,

and where every child matters.

On this Orange Shirt Day,

we remember Phyllis Webstad as a child,

and the stolen childhood of all the children forcibly raised by churchrun institutions, known as residential schools.

We lament how these institutions

stole from children the opportunity to grow in a safe and loving environment,

stole from Elders the opportunity to share their teachings and wisdom with younger generations;

And stole from communities the opportunity to live intergenerationally.

We mourn the children who never made it home,

the communities that were destroyed,

the broken hearts,

the stories never shared, and

the shattered relationships.

We ask that you provide

comfort to all who are seeking healing and who daily wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of these colonial institutions, strength to all who name how colonial powers have harmed us as peoples and as a nation;

often at great personal cost, and courage to all who are working toward reconciliation.

Christ Child,

As you grew, you reminded us to always welcome and care for children.

We remember your children today.

We lament and acknowledge the sinful ways that colonial powers tried to eradicate Indigenous cultures within Canada,

breaking Indigenous families,

removing children from their homes while destroying communities.

And we pray for healing,

so that we who live together in this country can also work together to build a better future where all children are cherished, beloved, and given what they need to thrive.

So that we may treat all children as we would treat you, our Beloved. **May it be so.**

Amen.

Hymn in Response: MV 98, Like A River Of Tears

- Like a river of tears your love pours upon us; like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us; like a star-studded sky your spirit shines o'er us, renewing our spirits with courage and faith.
- Like a bird in free flight by windows around us; like a wind in the forest that breathes life among us; like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us, renewing our spirits with vision and grace.
- 3. Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us; like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us; like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us, renewing our spirits with loving embrace.
- 4. Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us; like a song of the soul you come to be with us; like a prayer of the heart you heal and restore us, renewing our spirits, the future to face.

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Offering

Offering Prayer

Our love flows toward and for you, generous God. We don't always get it right, and sometimes we get it very, very wrong, but we are asking now that you will take our gifts, and find our hearts worthy. Bless all our offerings as we build a better world with you. Amen.

Prayers of The People

Prayer List:

We pray for those on our prayer list:

Keith Stainton, Chyvonne, Dani, Robbie, Henry, Danny, Earlien, Alexandra, Ellen, Ron, Cassie, Rev. David Timpson, Dave, Margaret Knight, the family of Margaret Richardson, Seasons and Applefest Lodge Retirement Homes, those studying away from home.

The Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Closing Hymn: VU 226, For The Beauty Of The Earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, R

- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, R
- 4 For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R

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Sending Forth

We leave this place in hope, knowing that as a community, and as individuals, we have made terrible mistakes, we have hurt God's beautiful creation, we have harmed our fellow humans.

For the beauty of this earth, for the joy of human love, and for all the gifts that have been placed in our hearts, we leave here in trust, that in life with Christ, redemption is real.

God's goodness is our guide, our inspiration, our promise: With Christ leading the way, we can find songs of joy even as we lament with the world.

Let's leave here singing!

Let's leave here trusting in the presence of Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God, our God, our salvation

One God, our God, our Sarvation

Choral Blessing: VU 967, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Postlude

Announcements

As of June 21, council voted that the mask mandate is lifted.

Please continue to do what makes you comfortable, keep socially distancing and do not come to worship if you are sick.

Council voted at the April 26 meeting that we will no longer be checking vaccine status at the door.

Please join us in person or by Zoom, Sunday Sept 25, 2022 at 10:30am for our Worship service. The Zoom link is below or if you are on a computer, you will be able to participate in our live-streaming, even if you don't have a Facebook account. Just click on this link and the latest live-video should be near the top. https://www.facebook.com/TSAUC/live

Remember to wear your orange shirt on September 25th in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day, September 30.

AKG (Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig (Alderville Regional Women's Shelter) Fundraiser:

Mugs, Togues and decals for sale in support of AKG and in recognition of September 30, Every Child Matters.

Please see Janet Kivisto after church to place an order.

Orders will be available for pick up at the church the following week.

Happy September everyone!

A reminder that we begin the family-friendly **ukulele church on Applefest weekend**, **9:00-9:45 Sunday morning**. Everyone is welcome to come - bring your instrument if you have one, or you can use one of our rainbow ukuleles. This is kind of like messy church with snacks, stories, lots of music and fun!

Starting in September, **our Care Room (Nursery)** will be staffed once again. If you are available to be on the list as a volunteer, please contact the church office. Many volunteers will mean only a few shifts! Thank you for your consideration.

'National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Sept 30

Come to the church for 12:15 pm where we will have an activity and 2 short videos and an audio file to watch and listen to from residential school survivors and from the intergenerational point of view. We will then depart for the town library to watch a video 'We Were Children". This video is 1 hour, 23 mins in length.

Take this opportunity to pick up your 'Every Child Matters' products that you ordered

Pamela will be on holidays September 26 -Sept 30. Thank you to Lee Farmes, Judy Murtha and Lori Cooper who will be helping in the office during this time. Office hours will remain the same.

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser!

We will be offering Purdys Chocolates! Order through our unique page on their online shop. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute and let you know when you can collect your goodies. Stay tuned for more details....Happy chocolating!

Please note the no parking sign in our parking lot and be aware of the washed out hole that it is marking. We are in the process of fixing this problem.

Please remember to turn in your Loonie/Twonie containers to Sharon McMullen or Barry Ott as soon as possible. They can also be dropped off to the office, during office hours.

Thank you for your continued support!

Readers and Greeters

There are two separate signup sheets located on the bulletin board in the hallway by the washrooms. Please consider signing up for one of these important ministries. For more information, please speak with Beth Street.

Migrant workers in the area are again looking for small and large suitcases as well as large duffle bags. We also have requests for circular saw, adult speed bike, shipping barrels, fan and a hand held back massager. Email or call me for details, Elizabeth@huffroad.ca

The Church Office Hours: The church office is open! Regular office hours ARE 10am—12:30pm. (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). We now have a mailbox outside the office on Chapel Street to make it more convenient for you to leave your cheque donations or anything else for the office that fits in an envelope. It has been secured to the brick and is a locked mailbox.

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