



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### The Fifth Sunday in the Great Fifty Days of Easter

#### Mission Awareness Sunday

April 28, 2024

Service colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 410 "Joyful, joyful"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison) **God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."**

Declaration of forgiveness followed by The Lord's Prayer

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs} from READ

WONDER LISTEN by Laura Alary

Hymn: 704 "Teach me, God, to wonder" (*all seated*)

Prayer of Illumination

Lessons: Acts 8:26–40 (p.110); Psalm 22: 25–31(responsively); 1 John 4:7–21 (p.213); John 15:1–8 (p. 95)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: 757 "Come sing, O church, in joy!"

Sermon

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 371 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Megan Douglas;

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

**Elevator Guide:** Jim Kennedy

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Bill Langley

**Reader:** Lesley Waugh

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

### This week at St. Andrew's

**Tues:** 7:00 p.m. Kirk Session – Church Hall

**Sun: May 5** 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

**2:30 p.m** The Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg will conduct

a Service of Word & Sacrament at St. Andrew's Church to recognize and give thanks for 56 years of ministry of P.A.(Sandy) McDonald as minister at St.

Andrew's, Dartmouth. Reception to follow at Brightwood Golf & Country Club. All are welcome.

### **FOOD Ministry**

The St. Andrew's F.O.O.D (Feeding Others of Dartmouth) ministry is looking for volunteers. On the last Wednesday of every month, we supply sandwiches, drinks, and individually wrapped items to Margaret's House. The items are gathered at the church by 9:15 a.m. and delivered that morning. If you are interested, contact Joyce Ross at [g.ross@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:g.ross@ns.sympatico.ca) or call 902-435-4801.

### **Hymn 410**

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays;  
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.  
God Creator, Christ our Saviour, all are yours who live in love.  
Teach us how to love our neighbour, lift us to your joy above.
4. Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part,  
for what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart!  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **Hymn 704**

1. Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

**Refrain: Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated; joy you give.**

2. Let me, God, be open; let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me.

[Refrain]

3. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake,  
in your world of loving, my place take.

[Refrain]

4. Teach me, God, to know you,  
hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. [Refrain]

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### **Hymn 757**

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

3. Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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### **Hymn 371**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.