



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

Mission Awareness Sunday, April 27, 2025

Service colour: white

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

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

Welcome & Announcements

AMS Purpose

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

The voice of God is calling us here today;

The warmth of God brings his people together.

So, we come with joy and sorrow in our hearts;

With good deeds and bad habits;

With kindness and with selfishness;

With doubts and with faith. Lord, we lay the burdens of our lives before you
and ask for comfort and peace.

We give you thanks and praise as we worship together.

Hymn: 377 "Come, children, join to sing"

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Loving and forgiving God, we confess that too often we fall short of our calling to walk in your way, to serve our neighbours, and to love our enemies. These are not easy choices for us. Forgive us when we follow our own way rather than your way. By your Spirit lead us, strengthen us and empower us to be the people and the Church, you call us to be. Amen.

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

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

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

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

Hymn: 260 "Alleluia, alleluia" (all seated)

Prayer for Understanding

Lessons: Responsive Psalm 100; Matthew 20: 20–28(p. 39);

John 20: 19–29 (p.101)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung response: 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.

Sermon: "Christ's Service – our response"

Hymn: 753 "You walk along our shoreline"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Invitation to the Offering; gifts will be brought forward following

The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayers for God's World and People; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 635 "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

Commissioning and Blessing; Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Carol Stevenson **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

AMS members participating in the service: June Yetman, Darlene

Cossaboom, Lesley Waugh, Margaret Stuart, Margaret Craig,

Bonnie McLellan, Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** June Yetman

This week at St. Andrew's

Wed: FOOD Ministry (7:00 – 9:15 a.m.); 6:30 p.m. Search Committee

The Mary Martha Guild at our sister congregation, Iona, Dartmouth, is offering a takeaway tea luncheon on Saturday, May 10 for \$12 per lunch. Pick up time is 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. To place an order, please call Debbie Bourque, 902-223-7853 by May 4.

Mission Moment

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing and generous donations, a dedicated team brings the hope of Jesus to people in 24 prisons in Malawi.

Overcrowding and underfunding mean a lack of basic necessities. Stigma associated with imprisonment can result in abandonment by families and communities, leaving many feeling isolated and alone. Through weekly visits that include Bible study, prayer, and counselling, as well as monthly distribution of necessities such as bed mats, soap, toiletries, clothing, medicines and meal supplements for the most vulnerable, the Friends of Prisons ministry brings friendship and hope to prisoners.

Hymn 377

1. Come, children, join to sing – hallelujah, amen!
praise to our Servant King - hallelujah, amen!
Let all with heart and voice saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice – hallelujah, amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high – hallelujah, amen!
let praises fill the sky – hallelujah, amen!
Christ calls his people friends, lost, outcast he defends
with love that never ends- hallelujah, amen!

3. Loud now our voices raise – hallelujah, amen!
no power can still our praise – hallelujah, amen!
On heaven's blessed shore, God's goodness we'll adore
singing forever-more- hallelujah, amen!

Hymn 260

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of creation:

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen:

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever:

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Refrain

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Hymn 753

1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me,.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

2. You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

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Hymn 635

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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