

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Pianist: Fran Gordon

August 29th, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." –Matthew 20:16

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Lord, the light of your love is shining”

#376

Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory: mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful God,

**even though we know you are the Source of our lives,
we confess we often turn our backs on you.**

**We speak and think in ways that deny our loyalty and love for you;
we ignore our own needs and the needs of others.**

We harbour anger and say things that cause others pain.

**In your mercy, restore us to right relationships with you
and with one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Praise:

“Tell me the stories of Jesus”

#348

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me: words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus’ face.

Tell me about the disciples from far and near, and I will listen among them eager to hear. Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless, showing the people God’s tenderness?

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea, tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee, and how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I’d follow the children’s band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 106: 7-8, 19-23

Matthew 20: 1-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

-The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

Sermon:

“Grace: Go Figure”

-The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

Praise:

“Amazing grace”

#670

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; ‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me: this word my hopes secures; God will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

What thanks I owe you, and what love – a boundless, endless store – still echo through the realms above when time shall be no more.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

“On the Jericho Road”

-Jackie Behrend, Mark Behrend, Fran Gordon, Sandy Wilson

Announcements

ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP! Please note online worship will continue. Everyone is welcome! Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. The nursery is under construction, and the remainder of the lower hall is not yet open to use.

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, President and Vice-Chancellor of Vancouver School of Theology, to the pulpit today. Rev. Topping is a wonderful preacher and friend of the congregation and we are so pleased to welcome him back.

Tomorrow, Monday, August 30th, the Saskatoon Royal Canadian College of Organists will hold a noon hour recital here at St. Andrew's. This event is open to the public. The recital will begin at 12:15, and admission is by donation.



The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is on vacation until September 13! We pray for rest and rejuvenation. If you have a pastoral care emergency in the next two weeks, please contact your elder, or Laura Van Loon at 306-229-7846.



Bicycle, Bicycle, BICYCLE CLUB 2021

JOIN US ON MONDAYS!

Once a week participants of all ages can arrive at the church to begin to ride at **6:30 pm.** with their bikes ready for a ride.

We are aiming to have two levels of ride offered, one group, will do a short length and the other a much more challenging route. There are at **least 3 people wanting to walk** too, so some can gather at the church and pick your route. Al Ireland brings bike experience

both with the actual bikes and also great knowledge of location trails for riding. Let Martha Fergusson, Rev. Roberto or Al Ireland know if you want to join us, or for more information. Adult volunteers are would be helpful - let us know if you are willing to help.

Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin



SUNDAYS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

Our Wider Community

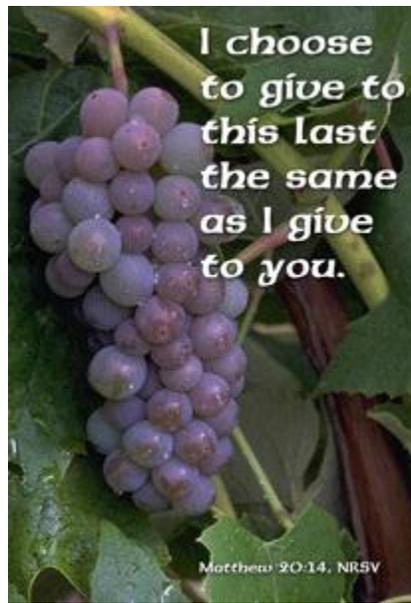
Haiti Crisis Response

In the early morning of August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern peninsula of Haiti. Access to food, water, electricity, water, communication and transportation is critically difficult. Exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, Tropical Storm Grace hit the island two days later. All of this comes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the turmoil that followed the recent assassination of Haiti's president.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as these are very trying times for so many.

Immediate needs include food, water and shelter. PWS&D is planning to respond through partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.

You can also make a gift through St. Andrew's or through the PWS&D website. Please mark your donation "Haiti Crisis."



Teamwork Guarantees Thriving Farm

In Guatemala, Celedonia Félix was in charge of her family's farm, performing most of the agricultural and livestock work. But Celedonia was feeling overwhelmed, and the family's farm was starting to suffer. One day she attended an agriculture training workshop provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner. At the workshop, the mother of seven learned the importance of working as a team. Sharing what she learned with her husband, the two started to work together on their land. Eventually, the couple's children also started to help out. Today, the family jointly carries out activities such as planting, separating husks and harvesting. For Celedonia, "teamwork is the key to success, and preserving family harmony and happiness."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 29 We pray for farmers in Guatemala who are learning how to prepare the new food they grow with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Monday, August 30 We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors who will gather to engage in dialogue and reflection about vocation and discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

Tuesday, August 31 We pray that people experiencing isolation, mental health challenges and suicidal thoughts will feel a strong sense of God's presence, comfort and healing.

Wednesday, September 1 We give thanks and pray for the WMS members planning the National Presbyterian Women's Gathering in 2022. May this event bring people together to celebrate and praise God.

Thursday, September 2 We pray for Leading with Care committees that seek to make churches, missions and camps safe places.

Friday, September 3 We pray for impoverished communities in Nicaragua and give thanks for the Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are teaching these communities about proper nutrition to support long-term health.

Saturday, September 4 We pray that all people experience autonomy and agency, and that workplaces are free from fear and discrimination.