

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## *THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP*

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

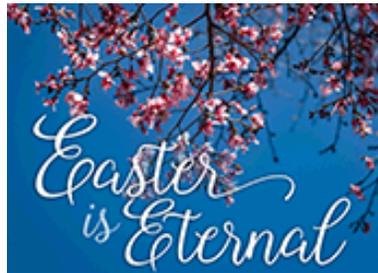
Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

Guest Musician: Scott McKnight, Cello

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Christian Family Sunday**

***"Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5: 5***



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Come, children, join to sing"***

**#377**

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!

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!

Lord 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 forevermore – hallelujah, amen!

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we often find it difficult to love others as you have commanded. Though we intend to do your will, our priorities lead us in other directions. We seek our own security before the well-being of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. We justify our own interests and fail to understand the cost they demand of others. Forgive us, O Lord. Redirect our priorities and renew our commitment to live out your love every day. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Praise:**

***"Sing a new song unto the Lord"***

**#422**

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountain's height.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!

For God's people dance for joy. Oh come before the Lord, play for the Lord on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

*Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Saviour now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

*Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives.

*Refrain*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

"Love Conquers"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo:

"A Mother's Love"

Patterson

**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:**

***"For the beauty of the earth"***

**#434**

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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, Lord of all to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

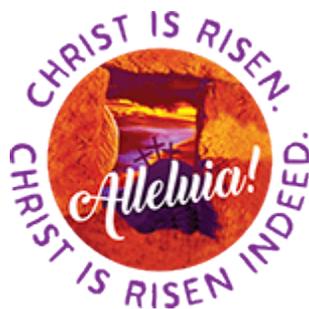
Benediction and Sung Response

**Amen, Amen, A - - men.**

Postlude:

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Scholtes, arr. Putnam



### *Announcements*



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that by purchasing gift cards to pay for everyday expenses, you can contribute to the church? Last year we raised over \$500 through the FundScrip Program. If 30 people from the church bought \$50 of cards each month that would be an extra \$375 of income for the church. For example, you could buy gas cards from Esso, Petro-Canada and Shell, and pay for your monthly gas purchases with the card. All of us are buying gas and groceries every month. Why not pay for these essentials with gift cards purchased from Arline Sanderson [a.w.sanderson@shaw.ca](mailto:a.w.sanderson@shaw.ca) and also help the church raise funds?



At the March Annual Meeting, the congregation authorized a one time transfer of funds from the Memorial Fund into the General Fund. On March 31, 2021 our General Fund bank balance was \$53,520. This compares to our bank balance at March 31, 2020 of negative \$4,625. As explained at the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Managers has also taken the following steps to reduce expenses and increase cash flow: 1) secured federal government funding for Covid relief; 2) switched from an annual audit to annual financial review (over \$7000 of savings); 3) switched to church trash collection as required instead of weekly; 4) large annual expenditures (Presbytery dues, Camp Christopher, and church insurance) will be paid in installments instead of lump sum payments. As of April 20, 2021, 33% of the church year has elapsed. Our total church revenue is right on track at

33% of forecast revenue (due mainly to an infusion of Federal Government Funds) and our expenditures are pretty close at 35% of forecast expenditures. This is all encouraging particularly during Covid times. Thank you ALL for your faithfulness to St. Andrew's!!



**SOCKS FOR SNCM** Remember how nice it is to slip your feet into a brand-new pair of socks?

We'd like you to share that feeling. Pastoral Care and Outreach have joined forces this spring on a drive to provide socks for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We would like to provide the staff at SNCM the means of providing something that many of us take for granted. A suggested donation of \$10 will allow them to purchase between 6-10 pairs of socks for both men and women, but any amount will be gratefully accepted. In order to keep

track of how many socks we're providing, for each \$10 that is donated until June 20<sup>th</sup>, a random sock will pop up somewhere in the bulletin. If you wish to take part donations can be made on the St. Andrew's website or by E-transfer to St. Andrew's so that a tax receipt can be provided. Please make sure that you specify that it is for the Sock drive.



The **PASTORAL CARE TEAM** have expanded the Prayer Shawl Ministry to include Prayer Scarves that are knitted and crocheted by volunteers. They can be any size, colour or style for under a coat or jacket or over the shoulders. The Pastoral Care Nurse will distribute the Prayer Scarves with a friendly St. Andrew's note card. The purpose of Prayer Scarves is to reach anyone who needs comfort and prayers. Sometimes, our

labelled Prayer Shawls are already given to someone but a Prayer Scarf can be given in recognition of another occasion for the person. For more information, contact Laura at 306-229-7846.

**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](http://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

**NOW ON THURSDAYS**

**06:15 PM**

**Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool** – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

## Ministry of Hope and Care

Fernando's dream of becoming a police officer seemed out of reach when he and his brother were children living on the streets of Mische, a rural village in Romania. Twelve years later, he attends university and is closer to fulfilling his dream thanks to Samuel House, where Fernando and his brother found a welcoming home. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, Királyhágómellék District, providing nutritious food, education and after-school care to children from disadvantaged families. Presbyterians Sharing has been supporting this important ministry of hope and care since 2014.



### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, May 9 (Christian Family Sunday)** We pray for the health and well-being of families, and that the relationships within them are marked by peace, love, trust and care.

**Monday, May 10** We pray for the members of the Ministry Committee of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence.

**Tuesday, May 11** We pray for rural and remote congregations, and for those who serve them.

**Wednesday, May 12** We pray for the students graduating from Knox College today, who are looking forward to ministries in congregational leadership, spiritual care and psychotherapy, and theological teaching.

**Thursday, May 13 (Ascension Day)** We give thanks to God for Christ who was "manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16 CSB).

**Friday, May 14** We pray for the Rev. Maurice Davantin, Director of Formation Biblique et Théologique à Maurice, an ecumenical Theological Education by Extension program in Mauritius.

**Saturday, May 15** We pray for people around the world who are striving to rise above poverty with educational opportunities and livelihood support through Presbyterian World Service & Development programs.