

*HYMN: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* UMH 672 GG 541

*CLOSING PRAYER. **May the blessing of God, Fountain of Living Water, flow within me as a river of life. May I drink deeply of this water of wisdom and knowing. May I never thirst again. May I go through life refreshing many, as a sign of healing for all; through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

** All who are comfortable to do so, please stand*

*** We want to pray with one another and for one another. If you have or know of prayer needs please contact
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*The ache for home lives in all of us;
the safe place where we can go as we are
and not be questioned.
Maya Angelou*



Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

**How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1**

January 28, 2024

Please remember to register your attendance.



GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Lord Jesus. We invite you as guest and master, friend and Lord. Come Holy Spirit. Lead us through times of need and doubt. Restore our hope and joy, guide us into unknown paths as we place our trust in you. Surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine. Let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, and believe. Lord, come today! (based on the hymn *Jesus, Come!* by Christopher Idle)

*HYMN: *Rejoice the Lord is King* UMH 715 GG 363

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 883

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church; to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone, Thanks be to God. Amen. (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

*HYMN: *All Are Welcome* Upper Room WB 58 GG 301

MESSAGE: *All Are Welcome, Really?* Rev. Ed Blackstone

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER: O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others. Open my ears that I may hear their cries. Open my heart so that they need not be without comfort. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. Help me to do some work of peace for you today. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Seth Baker / David Judd

HOLY COMMUNION;

UMH 12

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

... In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will rise again.

... now and forever.

Amen.