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# St Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church

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The telephone answering machine will be monitored over the summer.

♦ an invitation to stand in body or spirit  
**Congregational responses in bolded text**

Faith is more than belief.

### Gathering in Community

#### Welcome and Greetings / Life and Work/ Mission and Service

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

♦ Hymn *We Are One...* VU# 402

#### Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### Sharing Our Faith

#### Conversation Time

♦ Hymn: *There Is Room for All...* MV #62

#### Scripture Readings

Reflection: *Table Hospitality*

### Responding to God's Grace

♦ Hymn: *Now to Your Table Spread...* VU #456

#### Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

♦ Response: *What Can I Do?...* MV #191

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say?  
What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

#### ♦ Prayer of Dedication

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Invitation:

*Come, you who are hungry for God's love. Come, you who are yearning for Christ's presence. Come, you who want community; know that you are welcome here at this table.*

#### The Thanksgiving:

*Gracious God, from the beginning of time, you have loved all your people, feeding and nourishing lovers of your law, bearers of your word, judges of your people. With them and the hosts of heaven we declare you are the holy God of love and light, filling the day and night with your glory, receiving our songs of praise.*

*You dwelt among us in Jesus the Christ who knew the fullness of our human experiences. Jesus became as bread for the world, and taught us to pray for one another, seeking forgiveness and healing and the coming of your reign and so we pray...*

*for all who suffer, are ill, or are in grief...*

*for all who wait to be fully included...*

*for the seasons of creation and the earth's pattern of life and death and renewal...*

*for forgiveness offered and received...*

*for tables of diplomacy and cooperation between nations...*

*for all our relations...*

*Help us to know the presence of Christ as we meet at this table of grace and share your welcoming love with all who come.*

*In and through these gifts, we seek a union of heart, mind, and spirit with the One who has said: this is my body, eat this in remembrance of me (bread is broken). Drink this cup (the cup is lifted). It is poured out for you. Whenever you drink it, remember me.*

*God of heaven and earth, bless what we do here. Join us to all your people by faith, and make us a sign of your presence in this world.*

Sharing: The Bread of Life and The Cup of Blessing

Prayers after Communion:

**Gracious Host, Thank you for showing us again that we are invited to live and work in your reign as honoured guests. May our faith grow to bear the full measure of your grace, bringing a lightness to our labours, and a wonder to our work. Amen.**

◆ Hymn: *In Loving Partnership...* VU #603

◆ Blessing and Going Forth: *When You Walk from Here* VU #298

♪ When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with kindness,  
and with God's humble care. ♪

Postlude

### **WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME**

Visitor, family, friend or newcomer, you are welcome and we are blessed by your presence today. Please join us after the service for refreshments. We have a guest book that you could sign and there is a card for any special requests in the back of your Hymn Book that could be placed on the offering plate. May you know G\*d's enfolding grace today and always.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Please call the church office, 389-8082, and leave a message. The message machine will be checked on a regular basis.

### **FOOD BANK**

Donations will be accepted the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, August 26, for the Food Bank.

### **USHERS, GREETERS, FELLOWSHIP**

**Ushers:** Newton Douglas; Charlie Garrah

**Greeter:** Sandra Graham

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Ushers:** Janny Gaveel; Patti McLeod

**Greeter:** Anne Aston

**Coffee Hour:** Graham Lodge; Fran McLean; Freda Swerbrick

# St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church



## **Statement of Purpose:**

St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church strives to be...

a friendly, welcoming and inclusive church family which offers:

- spiritual leadership, concern and support for people in the community and the wider world,
- personal growth for all ages, through worship and educational opportunities that strengthen faith in God through Christ, and
- an informal setting, accessible and inviting to all.