

---

St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church  
Lent 3 – March 15, 2020

---

As you sit to prepare for worship, you are invited to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which our church stands and the spirit of those First Peoples who named this area Katorokwi – the meeting place on the flat rocks.

We also acknowledge the enduring presence of First Peoples who remind us to honour the places where our feet stand.

- ◆ the congregation is invited to stand, as you are able. Congregational responses and hymn titles appear in **bold type**

*Gathering of God's People*

**Welcome & Greeting / Life & Work / Mission & Service**

**Prelude:** *Menuet in d-minor*

J.H. Buttstett

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:** Come, drink at the well!

**Living water is our need!**

May we always know God's great gift!

**Living water is for us!**

◆ **Hymn:**      *This Day God Gives Me*      **VU #410**

**This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.**

**This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.**

**Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**

**God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.**

**Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
all that would harm me, stand by me still.**

**Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**

**Prayer of Gathering: O God, you are spirit and  
truth, and you invite us to worship you in spirit  
and truth. But such ways are not easy for us. We  
are drawn to your great love through the beauty  
of creation, the life of Jesus, and the constant call  
of the Holy Spirit. My we rest in your loving  
presence during this time of worship, trusting you**

**for sufficient grace. In the name of you, our Creator, the Son our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our comforter, we place ourselves before you. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

### *Good News in God's Word*

**Scripture Readings:** Judi Brown

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7

### **Water from the Rock**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.



## **Second Reading: John 4:5-42**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went

back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that

we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to God.**

**Reflection:** *Hard Places and Living Water*

Rev. Jim Potter

*Giving Our Response*

◆ **Hymn:**            *Be Thou My Vision*            **VU #642**

**Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my  
power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's  
sun!**

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

**Mission Minute:** Linda Harrison

## **Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory:** *Adagio*

L. v. Beethoven

**◆ Sung Response:** *Grateful*

**MV #182**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your  
Holy Son,**

**Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of  
Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for  
your Holy Word,**

**Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**Prayer of Dedication:** Please receive our  
offerings, dear God in response to your great  
love. May these gifts be a blessing in the  
world. Amen.

◆ **Hymn:**                    *Christ Be with Me*

**VU #318**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**and Lord's Prayer – a paraphrase**

**Eternal Spirit,**

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all  
that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us  
all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the  
universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace  
and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**◆ Hymn: *We Shall Go Out with Hope ...* VU #586**

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go  
on;**

**we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be  
righted;**

**we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be  
healed;**

**we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are  
sealed;**

**we'll make the tunes for those who sing no  
longer,**

**expressive love alive in every heart.**

**We'll share our joy with those who still are  
weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in  
grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.**

**◆ Blessing & Going Forth: *Go Now in Peace***

Don Besig & Nancy Price

© Shawnee Press (HL.35008009). ONE LICENSE,  
License # 730829-A

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Postlude: *Prelude in D Major***

J.L. Krebs

## **Upcoming Services for Lent and Easter**

- March 15 10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Jim Potter will be leading in worship
- March 22 10 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Regular Service
- March 29 10 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Regular Service
- April 5 10 am Palm Sunday – Regular Service
- April 10 10:30 am Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 130 Clergy St. E. at Princess Street – All are welcome
- April 12 10 am Easter Sunday Service with Communion.

Christine will be on vacation from March 5-18. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Marjory McMartin at 613-384-1648.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 — Right after the Service**

The Annual Report is on the counter in the foyer for your perusal. Please try to remember to bring your copy back the day of the meeting. Thank you to all the people who contributed reports to make this report a good representation of all that was accomplished at St. Andrew's By-The-Lake in 2019.