

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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### Our Mission

To send our people into the world  
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;  
to live as Christ would have us live,  
with love and justice as our goals.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

### We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE:

Berceuse  
Folk Tune

Vierne  
Whitlock

(the Christ candle is lit)

### We Approach God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Jesus said "If any want to become my followers, let them take up their cross and follow me".*

**God said "I will be with you".**

*God called Moses by name out of the burning bush, to be a leader for his people.*

**And God calls us to this place and time, to be this community of faith.**

*The place on which we are standing is holy ground.*  
**Now is the time to worship our God, who calls us by name.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

\*HYMN: **639**

One More Step Along the World I Go

SOUTHCOTE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**God of Mystery,  
we are constantly amazed,  
by the depth and breadth of your love.  
Over and over again,  
you turn our expectations inside out  
and upside down.  
And still we don't understand your grace.  
In our darkest moments, we doubt  
if we are worthy of your trust.  
God, help us remember  
that you give us all that we need;  
that through your love we find the  
strength to follow your call as disciples.  
Surprise us again, O God.  
Surprise us again.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

*Rejoice, for you are standing on holy ground.*  
**Praise the Lord.**

\*HYMN: **595**

We Are Pilgrims

SERVANT SONG

**We Listen**

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15 O.T. pg.50

read by Rita Swan

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 N.T. pg.18

read by Doreen Craddock

Response to the Word:

*Moses was a murderer,*

**yet you turned him into a hero  
who led his people to freedom.**

*Moses couldn't speak well,*

**yet you put words in his mouth  
to argue his people's cause before Pharaoh.**

*We are taught to attack our enemies,*

**yet you teach us to bless those  
who persecute us.**

*We are overcome by evil,*

**Yet you tell us to overcome evil with good.**

*We desperately want to save our own lives.*

**God of Paradox, help us understand  
how to lose our lives in order to save them.**

SERMON: Kristin Wood

\*HYMN: **509**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM, LORD

**We Respond**

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Brother James Air

\*OFFERTORY HYMN: **541**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

*Lord hear our prayers*  
**and in your love answer.**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## We Go Forth

\*HYMN: **420**

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: **967**

DANISH

POSTLUDE:

Fanfare

John Cook

*We thank Kristin Wood for preaching and  
John Standing for playing the organ this morning.*

## Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.

You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.



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