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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.)

The musical offerings during worship can be very inspirational. Please help us to preserve the sanctity of those offerings to God and God's people by allowing the music to stand alone in silence at its conclusion as it resonates in the sanctuary, in our hearts, and in our souls. If you wish to share your thoughts or appreciation with the musicians, please do so after worship.
Thank you!

PRELUDE:

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

We Approach Our God

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus calls us.

We recognize the voice of our teacher.

Jesus calls with a renewed message.

We are straining our ears for this good news.

Jesus calls a new realm into being.

We hear the call with hope and anticipation.

Jesus calls to a new way of life.

We will answer the call, we will follow.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

We thank you, God, with all of our hearts.

**You have created an amazing world,
and your love is steadfast and true.**

**Today, we seek to live out wisdom's teaching, in harmony
with creation and breathing the breath of life. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **217**

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**God, sometimes we live with troubled spirits. We are
disturbed by grief or guilt, shame or restlessness.**

**Sometimes we live with hurt spirits, in pain from physical
or mental illness, relationship heartaches, betrayal,
disappointment. Sometimes we live with faltering spirits,**

overcome with worry, fear, doubt, uncertainty. Sometimes we live with spirits that keep us isolated because we are misunderstood, or unable to communicate or interact. We bring our spirits to you, whatever they are like today, because you ask us to. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE: **84** (verse 2)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
Too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world;
Your radiance bathes with power to heal.

*HYMN: **MV144**

Like a Healing Stream

B. Harding

CHILDREN'S TIME

We Listen for God's Word

SOLO: Come thou dear redeemer
(Soloist: Sarah Cory)

Music: César Franck
Text: Charles Wesley

Come Thou, come Thou, dear
redeemer,
Come Lord Jesus, to set us free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come Thou, come Thou, dear
redeemer,
Born a child, yet Thou art a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
Rule in all our hearts alone,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28 N.T. pg.35

read by Rita Swan

ANTHEM: Christ goes before

Music: Carl Schalk
Text: Jaroslav Vajda

Christ goes before, and we are called to follow, and all who follow
find the way, the truth, the life.

Where is that way we near despaired of finding: the way that
comes from God and leads to God,
The realm where God is love and God is King, a whole new order
for a world astray?

Who wants to live where there's no love like this? Is this the
Kingdom we are ready for and desperate to find?

Christ goes before, and we are called to follow, and all who follow
find the way, the truth, the life.

MESSAGE: "When you make your peace with authority, you
become authority." (Jim Morrison): "Acting With Authority"

We Make Our Response

*HYMN: **620**

Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

AUTHORITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Adagio

César Franck

*DOXOLOGY: **93** (verse 4)

When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

SUSSEX CAROL

When heaven's bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

We Go Forth

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **622**

Your Hands, O Christ

HAYDN

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: **84** (verse 4)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.

POSTLUDE:

Chorale No.3

César Franck

Thank you to John Standing for being our organist this morning.



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice
after the service in the downstairs
auditorium.



In the hospital this week:

Sonja Lundstrom – St. Boniface Hospital

Doreen Adamson – Riverview Health Centre

Please keep these people in your prayers. We will continue to keep you informed of those in the hospital, with their permission.

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.

The Anthem this Week

The searching text for today's anthem was written by Jaroslav Vajda, a Lutheran pastor of Slovak descent from Chicago. He died last May. In his later years Vajda wrote over 200 original and translated hymns which have found their way into hymnals of many denominations. The composer of "Christ goes before", Carl Schalk, set many of Jaroslav Vajda's hymns to music.

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