

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
Worldwide Communion
Sunday, October 2, 2011**

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.)

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Freya Zuke

PRELUDE:

Larghetto (1st movement Concerto #5 in F)

G. F. Handel

We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

We Approach Our God

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

led by Karen Jensen

Come, let us praise God together!

It is good to be together to praise God this day.

*On this Worldwide Communion Sunday we lift our hearts in praise with Christians around the world,
joining together at the Lord's table.*

*We give God thanks for the grain and the grapes,
for all the gifts of creation.*

**Let everyone here, and in all the world, stand in awe of
God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: MV145**

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison):

led by Emma Grewar

**Loving God, we praise and thank you for all your gifts:
a beautiful planet, caring families and friends,
a chance every new day to learn and grow and respond to
your love for us.**

**Bless our worship today and help us grow in faith, trust,
understanding and willingness to do your work in our
world.**

Amen.

LITANY OF CONFESSION:

led by Sarah Roche

Loving God, we stand before you in awe and wonder.

**Yet often we let everyday living get in the way of seeing
your presence with us.**

We praise you for all your wonderful gifts.

Yet often we take your gifts for granted.

You give us such a beautiful planet.

Yet we seem bent on destroying it.

You give us caring families and friends.

**Yet often we hurt each other or forget each other's true
needs.**

You give us a new chance every day to learn, to grow, to respond to your love.

Yet often we waste these chances and mindlessly carry on as usual.

Forgive us, God, for our forgetfulness.

Forgive us for the hurts we cause, for the chances we have wasted. Lift us up, God, and help us be your loving, caring, trusting people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

led by Karen Jensen

Here is good news! God is happy to forgive and invites us once again to be the loving, caring, trusting people we are meant to be.

Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us promise anew as followers of Jesus to keep learning, growing and responding to God's love for us.

*HYMN: **MV92**

Like a Rock

K. Wehlander/L. Good

We Listen for God's Word

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46 N.T. pg.24

Read by Thomas McCallum and Emma Grewar

MESSAGE: "Soup for the Soul"

ANTHEM: Author of life divine

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Malcolm Archer

Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,

Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n,
And feed and train us up for heaven
Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all Thy life we gain,
And all Thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened by Thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil Thy face.

We Make Our Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A PARAPHRASE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU pg.916)

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Larghetto (2nd movement Concerto #6 in B flat) G. F. Handel

***COMMUNION HYMN: MV201**

I Am the Bread of Life T. Kacemarek/P. Tate

(During the Communion Hymn, ushers come forward along
with all those who have brought bread for communion)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison): led by Emma Grewar

**Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus,
and for being with us here and always.**

We feel your presence in the meal we have shared. We experience your love in our hearts and in our lives. We celebrate this communion meal with all your followers around the world. May we be strengthened to carry your love with us in all we think and do. Amen.

We Go Forth

***RECESSIONAL HYMN: 625**

I Feel the Winds of God

KINGSFOLD

***BLESSING:**

led by Karen Jensen

We have praised God in words, in songs, in our hearts and minds. We have thanked God, confessed our failures, listened for God's word, and been strengthened by eating at the Lord's Table. Let us now joyfully and humbly go forth, to live God's love in our world, following Jesus.

We go in love. We go in peace. Amen.

***BENEDICTION: MV212**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

POSTLUDE:

Andante allegro (1st movement Concerto #6 in B flat) G. F. Handel



Do to the Harvest Supper taking place this afternoon, there will be no coffee time taking place after worship today.



We thank the Readers and Senior Youth for their participation in today's service.

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.

Worldwide Communion

Today we celebrate Communion with followers of Jesus the world over. We owe this to a man named Jesse Bader. He spent his whole life working to get Christians to worship and work together. Almost 60 years ago, he started this idea of all Christians everywhere celebrating Communion on the same Sunday, no matter where they lived or what denomination they belonged to. His dream came true, and today we can celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday as one big family of those who love and follow Jesus!

The Anthem this week

On Worldwide Communion Sunday, we have chosen a text that explores the significance of the bread and wine. Several sources attribute the text to John Wesley, but it is more likely that his hymn writing brother, Charles, is the author, in 1746, of this lovely text.

It appears in the 1875 version of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" set to a tune by Charles Stanford. This setting is a simple but effective version by English composer, Malcolm Archer.

St. Andy II

And now a word from St. Andy II...

St. Andy is giving a 'heads up' to the teachers regarding the Thanksgiving and October 16 Sundays – when he will not be in residence. He will leave appropriate material in the library.

St. Andy wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and cautions not to eat too much turkey!

'Tis the season of Thanksgiving
For abundant harvests near
But so much we are receiving
From our blessed Lord, it's clear,
That in gratitude, our living
Should give thanks all through the year.

- J.T. Bolding

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