

# 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:

Pastorale

César Franck

(the Christ candle is lit)

### We Approach God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*The invitation is extended, Jesus says, "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

**O Jesus, we want to learn from you and work with you, yoked in strength and devotion.**

*In this hour give us rest and peace. Then give us to each other and to the burdened world.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

**O God, the provisions you give for our journey have always been simple: something to eat, a path to follow, and a star to aim for. The covenant between us is as simply beautiful as a rainbow spanning the sky; it is rough and sparse like the wood beams forming the cross. Wherever we go, whatever we do, remind us, God, of life's necessities: your great love for us, our love for you, and the opportunity to cherish each other. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: 256**

O God beyond All Praising

THAXTED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**Holy One, we hear your call, then resist your Word, running from you as far as we can. We think that you cannot possibly use us. But we forget that where we see no way, you can create one; and that when you call someone, you also provide gifts for service. Forgive our resistance and excuses. Enable each of us to see where our call lies and to serve you and all your children. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*HYMN: 628**

Come, My Way, My Truth

THE CALL

CHILDREN'S TIME

## We Listen

SOLO: The Call

Vaughan Williams

(Soloist: Colleen Watters)

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:8-14 N.T. pg.162

read by Heather Quinn

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*

**We give you thanks, O God.**

MESSAGE: "What Colour is Your Parachute?"

\*HYMN: **MV176**

Three Things I Promise

BLANN

## We Respond

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Aria (Concerto No. 12)

Handel

\*OFFERTORY HYMN: **537** (verse 1)

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

KILMARNOCK

PASTORAL PRAYER:

*Gracious God, hear our prayer,*

**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: 567**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

**\*BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION: 967**

DANISH

**POSTLUDE:**

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

*We welcome our new minister, The Rev. Dr. Lesley Fox!  
We also thank 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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