

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion Sunday, September 5, 2010



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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE:

Prelude on "Slane" (Be Thou my vision)

Paul Manz

We Approach God

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Loving God, you created all things
and said that they were good.*

Shape us, O God, and make us new.

*You created us in your image
and said that we were good too.*

Shape us, O God, and make us new.

*Even when we do not turn out the way you want,
you do not throw us away.*

Shape us, O God, and make us new.

*Remake us, God, into people who reflect your goodness
in all that they do.*

Shape us, O God, and make us new.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Sculpting God,

**you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,
and design butterfly wings.**

Dancing God,

**you choreograph the paths of stars
and the flight of snow geese.**

Singing God,

**your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams,
and the rushing winds.**

Wonderful God,

**we rejoice to be a part of the divine world
which you love and sustain.**

Amen.

***HYMN: 377**

Holy Spirit, Hear Us

ERNSTEIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of mystery,

we confess that, more than deep questions,

*we love easy answers;
explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News,
we domesticate your wild ways.*

Teach us to love our questions, O God.

Teach us to struggle with faith.

Teach us to live with your holy mysteries.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We Listen

SOLO: O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out Sterndale Bennett
(Soloist: Colleen Watters)

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11 read by Barbara Coombs

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

We give you thanks, O God.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:25-33 read by Kevin Coombs

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Little by Little"

*HYMN: **149** COMMUNION (ROCKINGHAM)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Largo

John Marsh

***OFFERTORY HYMN: 541**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

We Gather at the Table

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***COMMUNION HYMN: 479**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God....

Proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Loving God, we rejoice.....

That our lives may proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

For the bread we have eaten,

for the wine we have tasted,

for the life we have received,

we thank you God.

**Grant that what we have done
and have been given here,
may so put its mark on us,
that it may remain always in our hearts.
Grant that we may grow
in Christian love and understanding,
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
in Christ's name. Amen.**

We Go Forth

***HYMN: 642**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE:

Terra Beata (This is God's wondrous world)

Robert Hobby

We thank Joshua Ward for preaching 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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