



LUKE 9:51-62

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand at marked places**

Musical Prelude

Announcements

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: We light up this candle; its flames and reveals,

All: Christ's presence is here, but there's more than we feel.

One: We're grateful and happy; this day is for hope,

All: knowing Christ is among us, so we can cope.

One: We begin a time of worship, a time for forgiving.

All: Let the service begin now, and we truly start living.

(Robert J. Murdock)

***God Lights a Lamp (on-screen)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to be the Church,

All: not only on Sunday mornings,

One: not only when it suits us,

All: but always and in every place.

One: We are called to celebrate,

All: through song, through prayer, through action and care for one another, within these four walls and beyond.

One: We are called to be the Church.

All: God is with us.

One: We are not alone.

All: Let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn: VU 271 – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(on-screen)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(in unison)

Astounding God, thank you that through your Spirit, we are blessed and included in your vision of the world. Surprise us with your love for us, a love that accepts us wholly and abides with us eternally. Amaze us with your mercy, a mercy that understands our failings and redeems our weaknesses, for your

purpose. Awaken us with compassion for all your children and encourage us to care for each other. Fill us with your Spirit, to recognize your presence in our world and follow your teaching in our lives. Amen.

(Gill le Fevre)

***Hymn MV 92: – *Like a Rock* (on-screen)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn VU 595 – *We Are Pilgrims* (on-screen)**

Proclamation – The Steady March Forward

Rev. Phyllis Greenslade

***Hymn MV 79 – *Spirit, Open My Heart* (on-screen)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering – Robert Woodbury, Soloist

***Offering Dedication – Give Thanks (on-screen)**

Offertory Prayer

(in-unison)

Holy One, bless our unity. Bless our intention of unity. Let our lives be witnesses to you. Let our hearts beat as one heart. Bless our resources and multiply them as they work in unison. Bless our connections and strengthen them. Bless us so we may bless others. Amen.

(Whitney Bruno)

***Hymn VU 400 – *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (on-screen)**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer – VU 960 (on-screen)

Closing Hymn – VU 766 – *As the Deer Pants for the Water
(on-screen)

Commissioning

(in unison)

As we leave this place, we are accompanied by the same Spirit that journeyed with our ancestors in the faith.

May we be guided by these saints from our rich past – having learned from both their wisdom and their mistakes. May we be as courageous and visionary as the current batch of disciples, inspired to new ways of being the church in this time and place, while being nourished and sustained by roots that have grown for millennia.

May we continue to proclaim and share the Good News of God's love, which, from age to age, never changes!

We are the Body of Christ. May this always be celebrated in ways that bring the transformation and new life God dreams of. Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Musical Postlude

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Revs. Phyllis & Stan Greenslade - Guest Presiders

Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design