



Luke 16:19-31
Lazarus at the rich man's gate

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28th, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand as marked**

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.

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

***Lighting of the Christ Candle:** *Together we sing –*

Jesus Comes to Me:

Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree, and I receive him as an autumn tree. Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze like a torch in the quietness of closing days and carrying the wood of winter.

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

All: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.

Leader: Even now the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

All: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.

Leader: Let us worship God, ever Three ever One.

All: Let us praise God's holy name together!

***Opening Hymn: – *Then Let Us Sing #123 – Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* (on-screen)**

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

Creating God, beauty, and harmony mark your creation.

As the seasons change, we see you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations.

We praise you for all you do to repair injustice, to bring peace to places of war, working for goodness to prevail in all nations.

You offer us new possibilities day by day, and so we place our trust in your redeeming power.

Renew our energy for mission this autumn and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name.

Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your work, bringing justice and joy into the world you love. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm

91:1-6; 14-16

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Luke 16:19-31

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: VU #808 – On Eagle's Wings** *(on-screen)*

Sermon – Who are the people in your neighbourhood?

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: VU #582 – There's a Spirit in the Air** *(on-screen)*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

***Offering Dedication – The Lord is Good to Me** *(on-screen)*

Offertory Prayer *(in unison)*

Although silent, we ask that you bless the gifts that have been gathered especially for you, and may all gifts be received by you, our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

'Merciful God, hear your people praying.'

Leader: And now, we boldly close these prayers with the prayer Jesus taught the disciples to pray daily. . . .

The Lord's Prayer (*on-screen*)

COMMISSIONING (*in unison*)

We go now in peace; with the peace of God that passes all understanding.

We go now in steadfastness; to journey in the way that Jesus lead us.

We go now with joy as the Holy Spirit gives us life and breath.

We go now to be with our ever-present God who is always with us to witness to the world we encounter. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *MV #213 – Take Up His Song (*on-screen*)

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design