



*The Way of St. James
Camino de Santiago*

13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7th, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.

All: We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

Leader: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

All: May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!

Leader: Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

All: Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

Loving God, you have brought us through the summer's heat and drought; the summer's rain and cool evenings. Throughout the country, we have been battling forest fires and experiencing evacuations. We have struggled with excesses of weather. It has disturbed and disquieted us. As the season draws to a close, we find ourselves seeking wisdom and compassion from your word and song as we anticipate an autumn like no other. And yet, we also know that the trees will turn again into their autumnal colours, and birds will start heading south. As the seasons change, may we remain true to your word and to the purpose that Jesus has called us to live. Amen.

Opening Hymn: – VU 567 – *Will You Come and Follow Me?

(on-screen)

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 139:1-6

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Luke 14:25-33

One: These are the Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: – *Then Let Us Sing! #22 – Build a Longer Table* (on-screen)**

Sermon – Counting the Cost

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: *MV 178 – Who is My Mother?* (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.

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

‘Merciful God, hear your people praying.’

Leader: Following the example of Jesus’ disciples, we close all our prayers with His prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer (on-screen)

Commissioning *(in unison)*

We are sent now to harvest the bounty of God's providing, both crops and souls.

We are sent now to plant the seeds of faith in those who Jesus directs us to.

We are sent now to share the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that is given to us, thereby fertilizing the faith that is growing.

We are sent. Amen.

Benediction

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and always.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn: VU 562– Jesus Calls Us** *(on-screen)*

Musical Postlude

***The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes
all visitors and newcomers!***

If you are worshiping 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

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Communion Servers – Cheryl Edwards & Jean Waters

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design