



February 8th, 2026  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## **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

*Jesus Comes to Me as a Winter Tree (lyrics on screen)*

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God, Light of heaven, we praise you.

**C: Jesus, Son of God, light of the world, we greet you.**

L: Holy Spirit, light of God within us, we shine with your loveliness.

**C: Our lives are our praise. Our being is Your glory.**

L: God, you have created us to shine with your love.

**C: We confess that we have hidden your light; and you forgive us, restore us and give us as new light to the world.**

**We thank you.**

L: May your light redeem us, and gleam in us with beauty.

**C: We come now in praise and worship to be transformed by your grace.**

#### \*Opening Hymn: VU 345 – *Come, Children, Join to Sing (vs 1-3)*

*(lyrics on screen)*

### OPENING PRAYER

*(in-unison)*

**Holy One, Light of the world, Almighty God, in whom we live and trust and hope; at the beginning of creation, you called order out of chaos and formed the sun, moon, and stars to shine in the darkness and to lighten the way.**

**You call us and give us a purpose and vocation; you strengthen us to follow you. So, turn us now from our ways of chaos and discontent to follow your ways of justice, wisdom and peace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

*The Song of the Vineyard*

**Psalm 112:1-9**

*Delight in God's commandments*

The New Testament

**The Gospel of St. Matthew 5:13-29**

*You are salt and light*

*(response after The Lessons)*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn: MV 79 – Spirit, Open My Heart (vs 1-4)**

*(lyrics on screen)*

**Sermon – A salty, bright Christian life.**

Rev. Scott Brown

**\*Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light (vs 1- 5)**

*(lyrics on screen)*

## WE RESPOND IN LOVE

**Offering**

**Offering Dedication: MV 191 – What Can I Do?**

*(lyrics on-screen)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(responsively)*

**“Merciful God, hear your people praying.”**

**COMMISSIONING** *(in unison)*

**We go in faith to be salt of the earth, being empowered to be astringent and seasoning.**

**We go in faith to be light for the world, shining and illuminating all that needs to be seen.**

**We go in to love those who need to be restored.**

**We go in inspiration to teach all whom we find about Christ's love.**

**We go, blessed by the one who is Three in One and One in Three. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May you know the peace of God's gentle whisper.

May you know the joy of God's ever-presence.

May you know the warmth of Jesus' loving embrace.

May you know the strength of God's Holy Spirit within you

And may you know all his each and every day of your journey. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 808 – *On Eagle's Wings* (vs 1-4)**

*(Lyrics on screen)*

### **Musical Postlude**

***In honour of BLACK HISTORY MONTH, Robert and Vince are preparing selections from traditional African American gospel music, known reverentially as Negro Spirituals. Famously compiled by Dr. Burleigh in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, these songs have inhabited all major hymnals and denominations since.***

***This week's selection is: Deep River***

*Thank you*

#### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Scott Brown – Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Maureen DeRegt – Scripture Reader

#### **Technical Support**

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

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