

Sending Forth

Listen for the songs of wisdom in the rustling leaves, in the song of birds,
in the babbling brook,

for God the Creator is speaking.

Watch for the signs of wisdom in the sunrise of a new day, in the
renewal of the landscape, in the dancing night stars,

for the glory of God the Creator is showing.

Notice the threads of life

interwoven through all of creation, humanity and nature,

woven in one fabric of God's love for all.

Go to live a wisdom born of awe and love,

A wisdom seeded by faith in the Holy Creating God,

in whose love we are made, in whose love we are redeemed, and in
whose love we are encouraged to justice. **Amen**

Choral Benediction

**As our path wanders onward to the rising of the sun, may the wind that
moves among us, help us travel through all harm, 'til the evening of life
shines forth into dawn, may God be with us as we go, as we go, in
peace. (© 1990 Ralph Johnston)**

Postlude

Our Mission Statement *St Andrew's is an inclusive and affirming
Christian Community of faith, worshipping God and serving others.
Inspired by Holy Scripture and guided by tradition, reason and
experience, we share the ministry of Jesus Christ by nurturing spiritual
growth, caring for creation and being with those in need.*

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"We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it."

— Wendell Berry, The Long-Legged House

The Church gathers -
we come together as people of the Spirit

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Recognition of Traditional Territory

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Listen to the pebbles... What are they saying?

They shout for a place to land.

Listen to the leaves... What are their hopes?

They hope to rustle through the wind and glisten through the light.

Listen to the waters... Where are they moving?

They are rushing together, on an endless journey.

Listen to creation... Where is God speaking to us?

God is moving, living, and breathing in everything!

Let us listen to the wisdom of God through creation.

(Miriam Spies – United Church of Canada Worship Resources)

Hymn: VU 388 Spirit Dancing

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

Creating God, you have woven beauty and wisdom in the threads of creation. Your handiwork declares your goodness and glory, and moves us to sing your praise.

But even as we are blessed by such wisdom we forget to listen to the voice of creation.

We do not hear creation groaning for a world made new.

Forgive the foolishness of our indifference,

and open our hearts and minds to the lessons

of the threads of faithfulness woven into the very fabric of life.

We pray through Christ,

in whom lives the wisdom of a new creation. Amen

Lord's Prayer –sung VU 959

the Story - we listen for the wisdom of God's spirit

Scripture in Story: Wisdom 7:26-8:1

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19 (Selected) **Reader:** Liz Brownlee

One: These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

All: Let us walk together in their truth

Reflection: A Deeper Wisdom

Hymn MV 37 Each Blade of Grass

To Be the Story - we respond with spirit-filled faith and service

Sharing our Gifts

Offertory: VU 538 For the Gift of Creation

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, Maker of all that is,

we are blessed by the gifts of creation.

From the bounty You share with us,

with gratitude and joy, we offer these gifts.

Accept what we bring and the gifts of our hearts,

and use them to heal and bless the world. Amen

Prayers of the People (Peter Hadow & Rod Desjardins)

To Tell the Story – the sending forth

Hymn: VU 217 All Creatures of Our God and King