

**June 19, 2022 – “Discovering Wisdom”**

**The Church gathers – we come together as people of the spirit**

Welcome and Announcements

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse people, united to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.**

One: It is good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, which nurtures and sustains us. The Indigenous wisdom of this land teaches that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

**All: Understanding the wisdom of our interdependence with all life is a deep and powerful gift. Let us live within the importance and truth of that wisdom.**

One: When people from other shores came to this vast and bountiful Turtle Island, they were met by those who were already here, who already knew these lands, and who lived rich and full lives based on ancient and strong traditions. But that understanding was often not heard. There were wrongs done and great damage inflicted that should not have been done.

**All: We regret that so many who came and settled here, and so many of us who live here today, still do not live in a healthy respectful relationship with those whose ancestors lived here for thousands of years. We seek to live into the fuller relationship that the Creator sees, living in harmony with each other.**

**Traditional Song: Humble Song**

*Drummers: Kim Robinson & Shannon Johnson*

**The Proclamation – “Discovering Wisdom”**

**Music for Reflection: You Ask My Name**

**Growing in Awareness – Treanor Delarosbel-Greer**

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

**Sharing our Gifts – Invitation and Dedication**

**Offertory:**

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (Paraphrase VU 916)**

*-- Kimberly Robinson*

**To Tell the Story – the sending forth**

**Hymn: MV 37, Each Blade of Grass**

(V 1,2,3,1, last phrase twice more)

**The Sending Forth**

**May we travel our lands in gentle ways, caring for creation as in turn she cares for us.**

**May God’s light and love encircle and envelop us all, as we rest in the promise of God’s abundance.**

**May we go in peace, with wisdom and respect and gratitude. All my relations. Meegwetch. Amen.**

**Choral Response**

**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.**

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## 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.

### Worship Leadership Team for this Sunday

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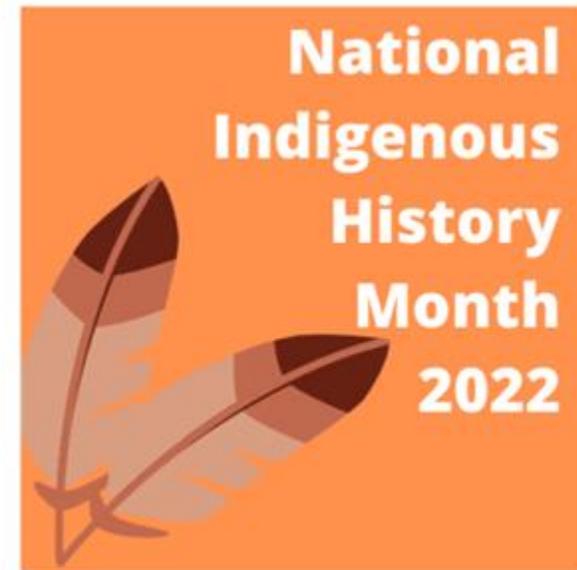
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## Worship at St. Andrew's "Discovering Wisdom"



Sunday June 19, 2022  
Indigenous Awareness Day

One: So today we acknowledge that this, the church where we gather, stands on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe peoples of the Nipissing First Nation.

We acknowledge that First Peoples have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial. We respect and honour the cultures and traditions they bring that strengthen and nourish all our living.

**All: God and Creator, help us be good neighbours, acknowledging our deep kinship with each other. Let us keep growing in wisdom, so we can live together in right relations. Remind us that on this Earth, we are all kin – kin to each other – and kin to the earth brimming full with all its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

One: So we light the Christ candle, remembering that we live in God's world along with "all our relations". And we light our Community candle remembering that we live in God's world, along with "all our relations".

**All: Amen.**

### **Call to Worship**

We gather to share in Creator's gift of abundant life for all.

**We fix ourselves on you, Creator.**

Come fill our hearts with your endless love, and send the wind of your Spirit to new hope through our lives.

**Come light our souls to rise in faith, to reach out for your kingdom.**

Come pour out your Spirit upon us as we stand together in the circle of your love as sisters and brothers.

**Lift up our heads, brush away the shadows, and shine your grace into our minds.**

So, Creator, we rise to worship, we shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join our hearts together.

**With gratitude we gather as a community in praise, Creator, to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of your Spirit that is always moving...encircling us, embracing us, moving us forward.**

**Opening Hymn: VU 296, This is God's Wondrous World**

**Prayer of Gathering and Confession:**

**Creator God, as we gather on this Indigenous day of awareness, we realize how much we do not know about our First Nations sisters and brothers, and how much we have chosen not to know. We confess our tendencies to make assumptions and judgements, and our choice to turn away from what we do not understand or do not wish to see. We are deeply sorry for our failures. Open our eyes, and our ears, and our hearts, that we may know the world's peoples as they truly are... our sisters and brothers in Christ – "all my relations". Amen.**

**Words of Affirmation and Assurance:**

**We are assured that we are forgiven for our transgressions when our repentance is genuine and heartfelt. God promises to be with us as we strive to be better neighbours to all God's children. Thanks be to God.**

**To Hear the Story – we listen for the wisdom of God's spirit**

**The Scripture Readings**

Excerpt from Thomas Fiddler's "Killing the Shaman"  
Psalm 147: 7-9, 14-18 – Derek Stott  
Matthew 22:35-40 – Derek Stott

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

**All: Let us walk together in their truth**