

Springtime of the Soul



This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sadness,
My love, the crucified,
has sprung to life in gladness!

St. Andrew's Church Kingston
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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a place of heritage - a people of hope

Sunday Worship

With the establishment of a new 'Stay at Home' order and the suspension of in-person worship, I have been re-reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book 'An Altar in the World', and its exploration of experiencing God in the every day and common place as the basis of sermons for our online services

Sacred in the Ordinary ... Here!

Sunday April 18

In the most unlikely of times and places, Jacob is granted a vision of heaven and earth connected, and an awareness of the presence of God with him (Genesis 28:16). And with Earth Day approaching, we will lift up a prayer of commitment to care for God's creation.

Sacred in the Ordinary ... Embodied

Sunday April 25

We have a tendency to think of 'spiritual' separate from 'physical', and 'soul' as distinct from 'body'. And yet ... we have come to know the Holy One through the Word become 'flesh' (John 1:14).

Sacred in the Ordinary ... When Lost

Sunday May 2

We know what it feels like to lose ... our way, a job, a loved one. And yet the testimony of many is that it is then that they experience the presence of God, of being 'found' (Luke 15:24).

And bound together by the Holy Spirit we will celebrate the presence of God in Holy Communion.

Sacred in the Ordinary ... 'Considering'

Sunday May 9

Our society places much emphasis upon activity. But Jesus says '*consider* the lilies of the field' (Matthew 6:25), not pick them or pot them or even paint them. Might reflection allow for greater experience of the Holy One? On this Christian Family Sunday we also consider our mothers, fathers, siblings ...



Sacred in the Ordinary ... In Others

Sunday May 16

We are told that 'God created humankind in God's image' (Genesis 1:27). Might we experience something of the Holy One in authentic encounters with other humans? This day we will also gather for a congregational meeting to receive a report recommending repurposing the manse.

Sacred in the Ordinary ... In Blessing

Sunday May 23

We are told that Jesus ascended to glory 'while blessing them' (Luke 24:51). Might this last action of Christ be the fullest example of a Christian life? Might we experience God in a life of blessing others?

And ...

Imago Dei (Zoom)

Thursday May 6, 4:30 p.m.

Desiring to know God better and experience a closer walk with God? Join us! Contact Dorothy for more information dotmessenger@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Fellowship (Zoom)

Monday May 10, 2:30 p.m.

The conversation this month is all about 'mothers or women who have influenced you'. Join in an hour of informal conversation and company. Contact Marilyn for a link: marilyntrudeau@gmail.com

Congregational Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday May 16, 11:30 a.m.

The Session has approved placing before the congregation a proposal of a St. Andrew's task group to shift the use of the manse to provide safe and affordable accommodation to seven individuals of low income. A full report will be distributed at the beginning of May. This meeting will be held by Zoom, and perhaps also in person.

Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Join the Minister and others for a journey through the Sermon on the Mount - we arrive at concluding words, including a golden rule, a narrow gate, and building a house on rock (Matthew 7:12-28). No biblical experience needed. For the link: a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Joining the St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world.

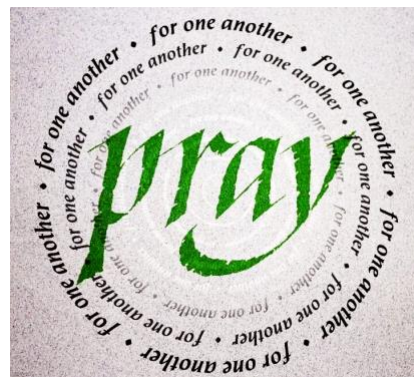
Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support?

You would

- a) receive a list of prayer requests once a week by email or phone
- b) keep this information in confidence
- c) dedicate a time of prayer for those named over the next week

This initiative of the Prayer Team has been approved and is being commended by the Elders of St. Andrew's.

Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions
613-767-2835 dotmessenger@gmail.com



A Sunday Afternoon Drive?

We are all feeling a wee bit 'confined'. How about going on a virtual Sunday afternoon drive?

Would you like to see a former home or school or church, or have a view from along the 1000 Islands Parkway, or visit a particular lock, or pay your respects at a family cemetery plot?

Elaine Coderre is offering to drive to a destination selected by you anywhere within 100 kilometres, and take some photos, and drop them off at your door.

Contact Elaine at 613-389-4813 or elainecoderre@hotmail.ca

Photos of New Growth and Joy

Each Thursday noon Lori-Kim sends out the bulletin with announcements to every household of the congregation by email. It would be great to add some colour! Send submissions to her anytime at lorikim@standrewskingston.org

Sample:



Béatrice J: First year we have attempted growing garlic ... and they have appeared!