

Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God.

***Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.**

Prelude - Trio - Starling Goodwin

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who follow God's ways.

P: God's laws are just and merciful.

L: Those who follow God's ways are nourished in faith.

P: In all that they do, they grow.

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

P: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

Introit: Bind us together, Lord

Chorus: Bind us together Lord

Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord

Bind us together Lord bind us together with love

There is only one God There is only one King

There is only one body That is why we can sing. **Chorus.**

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Arise your light is come" #712

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

L: With an open spirit, let us come before our God to speak honestly of the things that we regret and the areas where we fall short. Let us pray:

P: Gracious God, you test the mind and search the heart: you know our thoughts and the secrets of our hearts. We confess the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, and the denial of your truth. Through our hands have slipped opportunities missed, people not cared for, moments and days not celebrated. Some of our sins are plain for us to see; and to others we are blind; some we cannot face and others we cannot forget. We are sorry for our failings and ask for reassurance and forgiveness.

L: Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old world is gone, and the new world has

come. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

P: Amen!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1:1-6

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

P: or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

L: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

P: and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

L: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

P: but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Hymn: "Lord, in this broken world" vs 1-2 #723

Children's time

*Hymn: "Lord, in this broken world" vs 3 #723

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10 p. 719

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 p. 176

Luke 6:17-26 p. 64

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Blest are they" #624

Sermon: Jesus on the mountain; Jesus on the level place

Musical Reflection - Hush! Hush! - Arr. Stephen Lee, Given in praise by Adult Choir

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - Swing Down Chariot - By Bill & Gloria Gaither, Given in praise by Joyful Sound!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory prayer:

We join together with Jesus down on the level place, aware of the problems of poverty, sickness and hopelessness that plague this world. May these gifts be used to bring light in the darkness, comfort to the oppressed and wholeness to the lost. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O for a world where everyone" #755

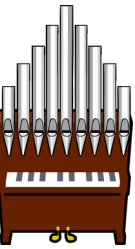
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*Benediction: verse 2 #620

Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide
your way;
through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.

Postlude - We Shall Overcome - Arr. Carol Tornquist

All children and youth are invited to join us in the sanctuary after worship for Explorations in Music: Pipe Organ. We will be building a mini-organ, taking a look at our organ (including the pipe room!), playing organs and hearing an organ piece from Martin Bohl. Many thanks to Martin Bohl and Jason McClellan for their help with this week's Explorations.



The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **Next Sunday** following worship.

The Annual Meeting will begin with a **pot luck lunch**. Please plan to bring some (peanut free) finger foods to share. Every group and committee in the congregation is encouraged to prepare something that celebrates what God has done among us in 2018. If you need any help with audio, visual or video resources to prepare your presentation, please speak to the staff.



Annual Reports are available today for pick up.

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. Next week's lectionary readings will be: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11,39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

We have asked Alexis Smith (who is currently minoring in Indigenous Studies) to prepare us some information on Indigenous issues that relate to our church.:

Who are the Neutral peoples? This group of people is made up of many distinct nations and are called the Neutral peoples because of their tendency to avoid conflict. You may have heard this group referred to as the Attawandaron (At-ta-won-da-ron). This is a name the Huron peoples use to refer to the Neutral peoples. Unfortunately the vast majority of the Neutral peoples were wiped out in early colonization by colonial diseases. The few that survived were adopted into the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. (Information taken from Laurier Student's Public Interest Research Group, www.lspirg.org).

During the weeks of **March 4 and 11** Hope Clothing will be hosting a "Beat the Cold" event to help connect people in need to Hope Clothing. During these 2 weeks, or until kits last we will be giving a "Beat the Cold" kit to everyone (one per family) who brings a friend to Hope Clothing. The friend will also get a kit! We need your help to make up these kits. Please consider contributing the following for the kits: hand sanitizer, kleenex, cough lozenges, lip balm, herbal teas, warm socks, lemon juice or money to purchase fresh fruit and yogurt. Please drop off any items by February 27th. If you have any questions or can help out please speak with Joni Smith. **Please note that we have moved the dates by one week.** Thank you!

The **Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 5:00 - 6:15pm.** Please come out to support our young people. Donations of pancake mix, syrup, breakfast sausage, ham, apples, paper plates & napkins and juice would be very much appreciated. We need help in the kitchen at dinner time and for clean up, too. Please speak with Joni Smith if you can help out.



The Devine Detective class has prepared something very special for the Christian Education Committee to present to the congregation at next week's Annual General Meeting. Please come out to show your support of our wonderful children!

This Week at St. Andrew's		
Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	11:00 am	Self-help Food Bank & Lunch
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



- Coming Up:**
- February 24 - Annual Meeting
 - March 2 - Session Retreat
 - March 4 to 15 - Beat the Cold event
 - March 5 - Pancake Supper
 - March 9 - Watercolour Painting Workshop

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
 Beadle: Rob Hodgson
 Worship Assistant: Randy Vermaas
 Greeters: Jack & Ruth Marquis and Willie & Mary Forbes
 Ushers: Don Paddock and Trent English
 Tech Team: Rob Hodgson

Thank you to everyone who assisted with today's program:

Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
 Children & Worship: Laurie Paddock and Julia Rowland
 Holy Sherlocks: Lori Marsh
 Nursery/Preschool: Mary Vincent and Emily Byers
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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(The office will be closed Monday, February 18th for Family Day)