



## *St. Andrew's United Church*

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### **APRIL 2018**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Deborah Handley

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

**Bookkeeper:** Angela Darychuk

**Church Administrator:** Eileen Arnold

#### **APRIL READERS**

April 1 – John

April 8 – Myrna

April 15 – Cherie

April 22 – Catherine

April 29 – Judith

#### **APRIL GREETERS**

April 1 – Lyle & Russell

April 8 – Dennis & Russell

April 15 – Dennis & Russell

April 22 – Dennis & Russell

April 29 – Dennis & Russell

#### **MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS UC**

**Joint Board** – Judith, Myrna, Beate

**Joint M & P** – Cherie, Lyle

**Joint Worship** – Linda, Charlotte, Deborah

#### **MEMBERS OF LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH ALL SAINTS AC**

Linda, Myrna

## EVENTS & MEETINGS IN APRIL

- Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Easter Sunday Worship Service with Sunday School
- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch - Office  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 am – Special Events Team – Office  
- 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at RiRi's Kitchen
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch – Office  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina Service – Sanctuary
- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School
- Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch – Office  
- 1:30 pm – Affirming Ministry Presentation at Gladwin Heights UC  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Fraser Presbytery Full Court Meeting at The United  
Churches of Langley
- Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting – Office  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – St. Andrew's/All Saints Garage Sale
- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School



## APRIL LECTIONARY

### April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 [VU 837]

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-8, or Mark 16:1-8

### April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4 [VU 727]

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



### April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 [VU 856]

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

John 20:19-31

### April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 [VU 749]

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31 [VU 746]

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8



## ALL SAINTS/ST. ANDREW'S GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

We will be having 2 tables at the  
All Saints/St. Andrew's Garage Sale.

Please start collecting any small items you would like to donate to our tables.  
They can be brought in to the church office during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus replied, 'I am he.' Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he', they stepped back and fell to the ground.*

- John 18:1-6

*"The world is charged with the grandeur of God."  
- Gerard Manley Hopkins, "God's Grandeur."*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

What is there in "I am he" that can cause the soldiers and police to tremble?

At our Good Friday service, Bill Booth told us that the original Greek is simply *ego eimi*: "I am." The name of God in the Hebrew scriptures is YHWH: "I am."

Perhaps, at these words, those present catch a glimpse of the central truth of the Gospel According to John: that Jesus is the incarnate Word of God. This is announced in its first verses:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

But that was 18 chapters ago. It's easy to forget that Jesus's special knowledge and the signs he performs are not because of some special power dwelling within him, but because he is the incarnate deity.

When Peter denies Jesus, he says, "I am not." When he denies Jesus, he negates God; I am – not. He denies God, and what God has done with him.

During Holy Week we acknowledge the ways in which we deny and resist all that Jesus offers us. We acknowledge our complicity in his crucifixion. Bill's sermon reminded me that we do not deny and resist the nice ideas of a special person, Jesus: we deny and resist – we crucify – *God*.

God did not merely send an emissary to walk among us, to cure our illnesses, to include us at his meal gatherings, to walk along dusty roads with us, to sleep beside us: God himself did this. God himself *does this now*. How important must we be, for God to draw this close to us?

God is so much closer than we realize. I, you, we, the world is much holier than we realize. I forget this too easily, but in this season of Easter, I am reminded anew.

Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,  
Tim