



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Sunday, February 1, 2026  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship, this day, on the traditional territory of the First Nations of this land.*

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**Please note that our extensions have now changed**

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**Connect with us...**

For general inquiries, to submit or update your personal contact information, or to subscribe to any of our electronic newsletters, please contact the Church Office at: [info@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:info@standrewstoronto.org)

If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic congregation, in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. William Ingram, or the Church Office.

Please respect each other by refraining from using strongly scented products while at St. Andrew's Church. A scent-free area has been designated in the southwest corner of the sanctuary.

Please note that photography/filming may be taking place within the Sanctuary and/or Great Hall for promotional and archival purposes. The photographs and recordings are likely to appear on our website and our social media platforms.

*If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the photographer know.*

**As you prepare for worship...**



*Please turn off the sound on your mobile phones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment without prior permission from the ministers.*

## **Welcome to St. Andrew's Church**

The people of St. Andrew's are called, by God, to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto.

We believe that we are called to be an inclusive community and to welcome all with open arms and hearts of love. We are glad that you are here today!



## **Gathered in God's Presence**

‡ = *please stand if able*

### **Preparation for Worship**

*Prayer, Meditation and Quiet Visiting*

**Organ Prelude**      *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, BWV 654*      *J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

*The congregation is invited to rise during the entry of the Bible*

### **Call to Worship** ‡

**Hymn #438** ‡      *When morning gilds the skies*

*LAUDES DOMINI*

### **Opening Responses** ‡

One:      Children of God, stand on holy ground and listen for the Lord's voice.

All:      **What does the Lord require of us?**

One:      To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God!

All:      **Let us worship the Lord together!**

**Introit*****Blessed are the pure in heart****Thalben-Ball (1896 - 1987)**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***Prayers of Approach and Confession**

Adoration

Confession

*A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed****Lord, have mercy upon us.****Kyrie (Merbecke, 547 BOP)****Christ, have mercy upon us.******Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon

Supplication and Choral Amen

**Hymn #709 ‡    *What does the Lord require of you***

MOON

**Children's Time**    *Children ages 3 to 12, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.***Words of Welcome*****The Word Proclaimed*****The Holy Scriptures***Reader: Rubik Barar***Micah 6:1-8 (966, OT)**

S. H. Nicholson



### Psalm 15 ‡

O Lord, who may a/bide - in your / tent?

**Who may dwell on your / holy / hill?**

Those who walk blamelessly, and / do - what is / right,

**And speak the / truth - from their / heart.**

Who do not / slander - with their / tongue,

**And do no / evil - to their / friends,**

Nor take up a re/proach a-against their / neighbours;

**In whose eyes the / wicked - are des/pised.**

Who honour / those who - fear the / Lord;

**Who stand by their oath / even - to their / hurt;**

Who do not lend / money - at / interest,

**And do not take a / bribe a-against the / innocent.**

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Those who / do these / things

**Shall / never - be / moved.**

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son, /  
and to the / Holy / Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, \* is now, \* and / ever / shall be:**

**World without / end. A/men.**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (173, NT)**

**Matthew 5:1-12 (4, NT)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

***Beati quorum via***

*Stanford (1852 - 1924)*

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.*

**Sermon**

**“Required Reading”**

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

### ***Our Response***

**Affirmation of Faith ‡**

*The Nicene Creed*

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.***

**Amen.**

**The Offering**

## Offertory Anthem *Let us break bread together*

Nathaniel Dett (1882 - 1943)

*Let us break bread together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. Let us break bread together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. Let us drink wine together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. Let us praise God together, on our knees, yes, on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## *The Celebration of Holy Communion*

### Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is welcome to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### The Great Entry

Hymn #13 ‡ *Ye gates, lift up your heads*

ST. GEORGE'S, EDINBURGH

### The Invitation to the Lord's Table

One: Hear the gracious words of our Saviour, Jesus Christ: Come to me, you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

All: **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.**

### The Words of Institution

One: In obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of him we do this, who, on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." As our Lord gave thanks and blessed, let us draw near to God and present our prayers and thanksgivings.

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The sections in italics will be sung.*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Throughout the ages, your faithfulness to the world has sustained and nourished life. For all of your creative, transforming and inspiring works, we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn of all the angels and saints who sing:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord of God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

One: Holy are you, indeed, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son. In his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we have caught sight of your glory, power and goodness. Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promises of Jesus, we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ... has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

One: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on this bread and wine. Let the bread we break be true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood. Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

One: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray together:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

One: We break this bread, communion in Christ's body once broken.  
We share this cup, communion in Christ's blood once shed.

## The Communion

*After the minister and elders have received the elements, the elders will distribute the bread and wine to the congregation. As you are served the elements, please feel free to partake of them.*

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.***  
***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.***  
***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.***

## The Grace

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
All: Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

Hymn #549 ‡ ***For the bread which you have broken***

*OMNI DIE*

## *The Sending*

## Dismissal ‡

*Bodle (1923 - 2022)*



The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. Let us de-part in peace. Thanks be to God.

**Benediction ‡** *The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess*

**Organ Postlude** *Epilogue* *Norman Gilbert (1912 -1975)*

*Following our worship service, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship.  
Please use the blue doors to the left of the pulpit at the front.*

*We extend a special welcome to those of you visiting St. Andrew's for the first time, and to those who have visited us in the past. If you would like more information about life here at St. Andrew's church, we encourage you to complete our Welcome Card that can be found in each pew. You may drop it off in the collection plate during the offering, or in the designated box found in the Narthex as you leave.*



The St. Andrew's Choristers will rehearse today in the Nave. If you are interested in singing in this group, please speak with Dan Bickle or contact him at: [dbickle@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:dbickle@standrewstoronto.org)

**Sunday Forum – Please join us at noon in the boardroom**

**93%** Of those trafficked in Canada are, surprisingly, Canadian and often end up in the sex trade.

**ADVOCACY &  
RECLAIMING THOSE  
INVOLVED IN THE  
SEX TRADE THROUGH  
EMPOWERMENT**

ARISE is a ministry supported by St. Andrew's, that empowers individuals, involved in the sex trade, to reclaim their lives through outreach, case management, and spiritual care. Come and hear the ARISE Executive Director, Rev. Katherine McCloskey, share their work on Sunday, February 1 at noon in the Board Room because everyone has a future worth having and they need our help.



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**ARISE**

**Sunday, February 01**

Grab a coffee and then meet us in the boardroom at noon.

## Announcements

### **February 8, 2026 Budget Meeting NEW**

Please plan to join us after worship next Sunday, February 8, (postponed from January 25) as we present the proposed budget for 2026. It is important that people attend and vote so we encourage you to come out. Please note, this will not be a hybrid meeting, it will be in-person only. Child care will be available.

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 18, Sunday, April 5 and Sunday, May 24.

### **Thursday Noon-time Communion Service**

Join us Thursdays for our Noon-time Communion Service. Doors will open at noon and the service will begin at 12:15 PM. All are welcome.

### **Bible Study**

The Sunday morning Bible Study Group meets at 9am in the Boardroom. No background or understanding of the Bible is necessary to participate in this study group – all are welcome!

### **Church School**

Church School is available for children 3 to 12 years of age. To register your child, please complete the form found on our Faith Formation page at:

<https://standrewstoronto.org/connect/christian-education-events/>

The Nursery is available for those up to 2 years of age and may be found on the second floor.

### **New Members Information Meeting – February 5, 2026**

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on February 22nd. If you are thinking about becoming a member of this congregation, please join us at an information meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 5th in the Boardroom. Learn more about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of this active congregation in the heart of Toronto. Please speak with Rev. Ingram for more information. If you wish to attend, please contact Marcela Villalobos in the church office at 416-593-5600 ext. 220 or [mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org). (The Boardroom is located on the first floor of the St. Andrew's Offices. Please use the door at 73 Simcoe St. The Boardroom is the first door on the right.)

## **The Church Library is Open!**

The church library is open and ready to welcome you! Feel free to browse the bookcases and discover something inspiring. The library hours will be every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Visits outside these hours can be arranged by appointment. Please email [lorianncomeau@gmail.com](mailto:lorianncomeau@gmail.com) at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your visit. Happy reading, and thank you for supporting our church library!

Materials available in the library are listed in St. Andrew's online catalogue 'StAndrewsTO' at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/StAndrewsTO>

## **SingTO**

SingTo meets each Thursday evening at 7pm in the Great Hall. If you are interested in joining our Community Choir, please contact Dan Bickle at: [singto@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:singto@standrewstoronto.org)

## **Better English Café**

The Better English Café meets Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Great Hall. This is an opportunity for newcomers, international students and visitors to this city, to improve their conversational English. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please let them know. For all Updates please checkout our Meetup Page at:

<https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/>



Our Friday Noon Recitals return on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our featured performer will be, Oliver Peart, piano playing Bach Toccata BWV 915, and Beethoven Sonata Op. 31, #2 .

Recitals begin at 12:10 and are free with an opportunity for donations. Please plan to join us.

A list of the Spring performers is now available on the website.

Mark Your Calendars



Back by popular demand, *LIFT EVERY VOICE* is the inspiring and inviting tribute to Black History Month, presented by Music at St. Andrew's. Singers Mark Cassius and Michael Dunston, with M.C. Quisha Wint all return this year, along with the Jordan Klapman Quintet. This 90-minute concert will honour and celebrate Black history with fabulous fare from the musical worlds of Gospel, Soul, Jazz, R & B, Reggae and Pop. Don't miss favourite classics like "Lean On Me," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Respect Yourself," and many more.

Tickets are \$25, available in advance on Eventbrite (link available on the website: [standrewstoronto.org](http://standrewstoronto.org) or at the door. That's *LIFT EVERY VOICE*, Friday evening, Feb. 27 at 7:30.

Thank you to our media sponsors, the New Classical 96.3FM and Zoomer Radio.



## **Out of the Cold**

Thanks to all who supported the Out of the Cold meal programs and donated items to the Boutique, in the past year. Your kindness and generosity made a huge impact on the lives of the most vulnerable people in our community.

We look forward for your continued support in 2026.

Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to join our team, please begin by completing the online registration form: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/standrewstoronto>

Please note that the boutique will only be available on Monday evenings during dinner. The boutique currently has some very specific needs:

- Men's boots – size 9 and above
- Men's t-shirts – especially size large or X-large
- Hoodies and/or sweatshirts – size large or X-large
- Sweat pants or athletic pants – size large or X-large

While donations are greatly appreciated, for both our male and female guests, we do need to advise that casual type clothing best suits their needs. If you have more formal or office wear clothing may we suggest that you donate to an organization such as "*Dress for Success*" who will put it to good use.

As always, we ask that donations be in good repair and either washed or dry cleaned. Thank you.

## **Health & Wellness Class**

Room 207: 4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd through June.



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Group Presents:

# TRIVIA NIGHT



SUNDAY  
**FEB 22**  
**6-8 PM**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
GREAT HALL  
73 SIMCOE ST.

**DINNER PROVIDED!**

PLEASE RSVP  
BY FEB 15TH

FOR MORE INFO  
PLEASE CONTACT:

[info@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:info@standrewstoronto.org)



## **Stewardship and Giving**

As a congregation, we are blessed in so many ways. Congregation givings are one of the key pillars that let us continue to work together to support the life and ministry of this wonderful community of faith.

Methods of giving:

- Signing up for PAR plan (pre-authorized remittance – forms can be found in the Narthex)
- Placing your offering in the collection plate during worship service.
- Mailing a cheque to the Church Office at:  
*73 Simcoe Street, Toronto, ON M5J 1W9*
- Donating online at [standrewstoronto.org/donate/](http://standrewstoronto.org/donate/)
- Sending an E-transfers to: [donations@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:donations@standrewstoronto.org) OR
- Scanning the QR code to donate online.
- Or by our latest method of donation – Contactless tap. A floor stand device will now be available in the Narthex each Sunday, allowing you to give a pre-set amount of \$10.00. This charge will appear on your statement as “*St. Andrew’s Church.*” Please note, no receipt will be issued for amounts given via this method.



*We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!*

## **PLANNING YOUR LEGACY**

If you are considering making a legacy bequest to St. Andrew's Church, here is suggested wording for your will:

“I give and bequeath to St. Andrew’s Heritage Trust (charitable registration number BN: 119163566RR0001), \_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate [or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_] to be used for such purposes and designs as deemed appropriate by the Session of St. Andrew’s Church.”

For more information you may contact Graeme Hepburn at [graeme@hepburn.to](mailto:graeme@hepburn.to) or John Matheson at: [jmmatheson@rogers.com](mailto:jmmatheson@rogers.com)

**2026 - Giving Envelopes** are now available for pick up in the Narthex for those who requested them.



## Cornerstone Montessori Prep School:

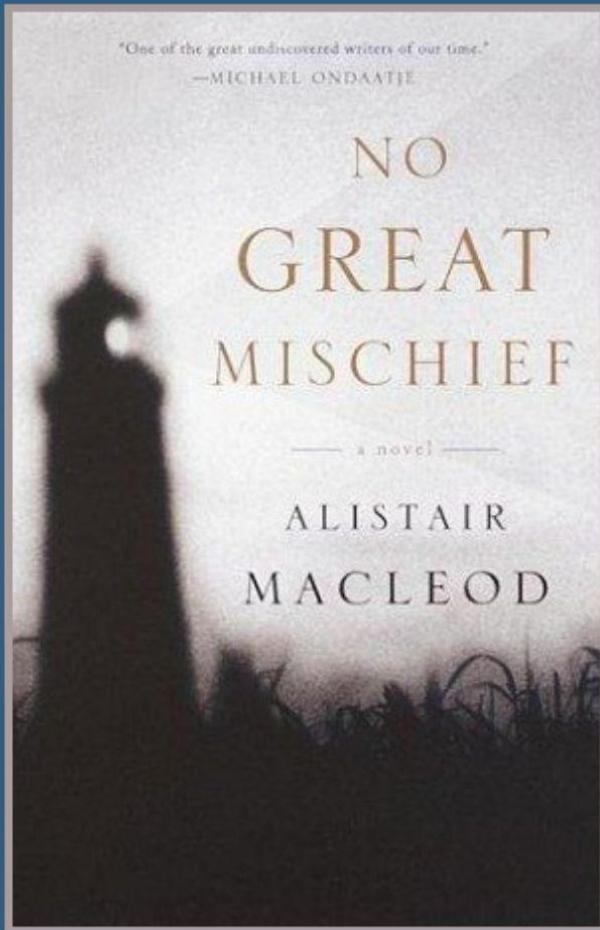
**Are you looking for a great Christian education for your child?**

Since 1988, Cornerstone Montessori Prep School has offered education grounded in biblical truth, prayer and faith based values for K – 12 students, with our graduates being accepted at the universities of their first choice. As an integral ministry partner of the Cornerstone Presbyterian church, we are situated within the church building just south of the U of T campus at the corner of Beverley and Baldwin. CMPS is strategically central to many of the rich resources in the city and is within walking distance of the AGO, ROM, Michener Institute and other historic and professional sites on University Avenue.

Registration is now open for September 2026 with an academic entrance scholarship available for our gifted and AP programme in Grades 7 -12. Scholarship deadline is April 30th and students applying from St. Andrew's will be placed on our priority list. Please visit our website at: [www.cornerstoneprep.ca](http://www.cornerstoneprep.ca) or contact our Principal, Dr. Stephanie Ling at: [ling@cornerstoneprep.ca](mailto:ling@cornerstoneprep.ca), who will be delighted to meet with you.



St. Andrew's Church seeks to be a caring community for all people. If you – or someone you know – are in need of prayer or caring contact with a minister or member of our congregation's pastoral care team, please send a note to: [pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org) All correspondence and concerns will be kept confidential.

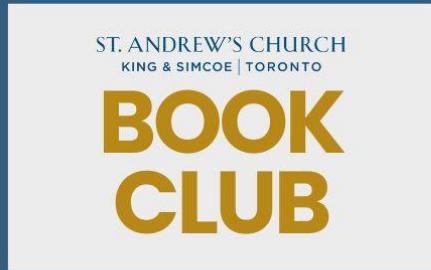


The book explores the deep loyalty we have for our kin—even when life gets messy.

A beautifully written story about how we remember where we came from and the simple, powerful truth that "all of us are better when we're loved."



In-person, Wednesday  
February 25  
7- 8: 30 pm



*Join us for a relaxed and thoughtful evening of conversation about this wonderful Canadian novel.*

## Calendar of Events

### Mon. Feb. 2

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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### Tues, Feb. 3

7:30 am	OOTC Community Breakfast	Great Hall
7:00 pm	Better English Café	Great Hall

### Thurs. Feb. 5

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	SingTO	Great Hall

### Fri. Feb. 6

Noon	Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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### Sun, Feb. 8

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
9:00 am	Bible Study	Boardroom
9:30 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Noon	Budget Meeting	Great Hall
1:00 pm	OOTC Prep	Kitchen/Great Hall

*Assistance during worship service is needed and appreciated. If you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher please contact Reece Hodgson at: [rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org) if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at: [selenatke@gmail.com](mailto:selenatke@gmail.com)*

*To list a meeting or event in this calendar, or to include an announcement in the bulletin, please send details to [maggiem@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:maggiem@standrewstoronto.org) by 9:00 am on Thursday 10 days before the Sunday to which it pertains.*

*More information about many of the activities listed above, may be found on the Church website at [www.standrewstoronto.org](http://www.standrewstoronto.org)*



# World Day of Prayer 2026

## “I Will Give You Rest: Come”

Matthew 11:28-30



*“Rest for the Weary” by gift of Amarachi Ottah*

**World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical movement which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.**  
**In 2026, Christian women in Nigeria have prepared the World Day of Prayer service.**

Drawing inspiration from our Nigerian sisters in supporting women in communities. Join us to share stories of your initiatives in our social hour following the service



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Saturday, March 7  
2 to 4:30 pm