

# *Welcome to* *First-St Andrew's* **UNITED CHURCH**

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## **June 10, 2018** **United Church of Canada Anniversary** **Communion** **10:30 am**



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# Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you!

Please contact her at [revmichelledown@fsaunited.com](mailto:revmichelledown@fsaunited.com) or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response. \* indicates to stand, if able.

## Music to Enter into God's Presence:

Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV531

J.S. Bach

## Welcome & Announcements

A brief congregational meeting will be held after the service on June 24<sup>th</sup> to receive the 2017 Financial Statements.

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Christ Candle

**Music:** A New Creed – choir

Richard D. Hall

## Call to Worship:

Jo Ann Silcox

One: In the beginning, God created heaven and earth.

**All: On June 10, 1925, God created a new denomination called, the United Church of Canada.**

One: As we come before the Creator, let us wonder at all that God has created!

**All: Today as we mark this 93rd anniversary of The United Church of Canada, we believe that you call us to seek unity and build bridges of partnership and community, O Gracious God.**

One: We have responded to your call to follow the way, and pray that others will join us on this great adventure of faith.

**All: Help us during this time of worship to hear Your truth, come to call our names to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.**

One: You call us to risk everything for the sake of Your gospel. Help us to respond to Your call, and walk in Your grace.

**All: Remind us in scripture, in song, in prayer, and in community, of Your call and Your mission to be Your disciples of Your Love.**

## Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Jo Ann Silcox

### Stewardship Seconds:

Stewardship is about allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit.

**\*Hymn:** VU#218 We Praise You, O God

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**Forming Young Faith**

**Anthem:** We Live in that Far Future  
Margaret Trethewey - flute

Richard Proulx

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Linda Badke

**Sermon:** Denominational Anniversary

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Trinitas - Tranquillo (2nd movement)

Eleanor Daley

**\*Hymn:** VU#460 All Who Hunger  
*(Kids return from Sunday school)*

HOLY MANNA

**Prayers of Dedication**



## Communion Liturgy

**\*New Creed:** *(Please stand as you are able)*

One: We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

**ALL: We believe in God:**  
**who has created and is creating,**  
**who has come in Jesus,**  
**the Word made flesh,**  
**to reconcile and make new,**  
**who works in us and others**  
**by the Spirit.**

One: We trust in God.

**ALL: We are called to be the Church:**  
**to celebrate God's presence,**  
**to live with respect in Creation,**  
**to love and serve others,**  
**to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



## Passing of the Peace

One: God is with you!

**ALL: And God is also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts  
of Joy and Compassion,  
Empathy and Hope,  
History and Future  
Faith and Wonderment!



**ALL: We lift up our hearts to You O God.  
Filled with gratitude for the United Church of Canada.  
Filled with thankfulness for the discipleship of the last 93 years  
And filled with Hope for the next 93!**

One: We Thank You O God for all of your creation.  
From the smallest bug, to that largest galaxy.

**ALL: Thank you for loving creation, and all of us in it,  
so much that you dance with us all  
in every moment of every day  
from before the beginning, until after the end!**

One: As we celebrate the anniversary of this great denomination,  
we say Thank You.  
For all that we have been, and all that we are about to become,  
and all that we have yet to imagine what we will be!

**ALL: We know that even when we make mistakes,  
even when we hurt ourselves,  
or when we hurt one another,  
or when we hurt creation,  
or when we hurt You ... You will *never* leave us.  
You will *never* walk away.  
You call us back into community.  
You call us back into communion—into wholeness and hope.**

One: Holy God, You reveal Your kindness in every sorrow,  
Your mercy even in death, and Your Covenant in every life.  
We declare Your wonder and grace, and with the angels and saints we sing:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## Blessing of the Elements

## Distribution of the Elements



\* **Hymn:** VU#691 Though Ancient Walls

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\***Blessing and Benediction:**

\***Benediction Response:** VU#963 May the Grace of Christ Attend Us

May the grace of Christ attend us,  
and the love of God surround us,  
and the Holy Spirit keep us,  
now and ever. Amen.

**Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:**

Fanfare and Trumpet Voluntary

David Lasky



# Music Notes

An early work that almost certainly predates the composer's move to Weimar in 1708, J.S. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 531 is music of a most exuberant kind. The propulsive opening thought of the Prelude, a kind of rapid-note alternation in the pedals that rises by way of arpeggiation, has an aspect of joyous, celebratory brass fanfare to it. The Fugue's subject, though technically built from a different interval pattern, is right from the same page, gesture- and rhythm-wise, as that first thought of the Prelude (it is also, one might add, a very peculiar fugue subject). When, before they have even had a chance at the subject, the pedals interrupt the Fugue's contrapuntal texture with a measure of bursting-at-the-seams broken octaves (to which the upper voices respond with six-voice chords -- there is no strict maintenance of the four-voice texture here), it is a magical moment in the organ repertory. As he so often does, Bach finishes this organ fugue with a brief quasi-cadenza, the likes of which has already been heard at the end of the Prelude as a kind of bridge to the Fugue.

The hymns today have been chosen to reflect a connection with the hymn writers, composers and arrangers within the United Church of Canada.

The opening hymn contains the text, "with voices united," and is of course, the hymn from which our Voice United hymn book derived its name.

Our communion hymn was arranged by David Kai, a church musician in the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Our closing hymn, "Though Ancient Walls," with words by Walter Farquharson and music by Ron Klusmeier, is a quintessential United Church of Canada Hymn. Walter Farquharson was Moderator of the United Church from 1990-1992, and Ron Klusmeier, who lives on Vancouver Island, composes, arranges, and edits music for worship and consults with churches throughout Canada and the United States.

## **Summer Reading: 2 Corinthians!**

Are you looking for some summer reading?

We are going to spend the next 5 weeks walking through the book of 2 Corinthians. This might be a time for you to pick up that particular book and spend some time going through it to discern what Paul was saying to the people of Corinth then, and to you now.

One on-line commentary says: "Paul's so called second letter to the Corinthians is actually the fourth letter that he wrote to Corinth. A previous epistle was written prior to First and Second Corinthians. Several features distinguish the second canonical letter. **The first epistle is both practical and instructional, but this one is intensely personal and autobiographical.**

Second Corinthians is written to the community that was founded on Paul's first visit to that city. Since his departure and subsequent ministry in Ephesus, the apostle has learned a great deal about the serious problems fermenting in this community. Problems with worldliness, internal wrangling and doctrinal defections continue to fester in spite of Paul's efforts in the first epistle.

In this letter to the church at Corinth, we will see Paul trying to prove to these people his right of apostleship. There were some in this church at Corinth who believed Paul did not have this right. **Paul says more about himself and his ministry in this letter, than he does in all of the others. Some people today would call this Paul's testimony."**

Spend some time with Paul's letter in the scriptures, and see what you think!

### **The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:**

Welcoming Ushers: Ron Bradley, Merran Neville, Kathryn Patton, Karin Barth  
Narthex Co-ordinator: David Flynn  
Communion Servers: David Pederson, Aria Khalili, Bob Swartman and Jim Silcox  
Coffee & Conversation:  
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

### **First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff**

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