

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



BLOOM
WHERE YOU
ARE PLANTED
ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER
& SET THE SPIRIT FREE

Today Bob Peel is sponsoring our coloured bulletin, to honour the memory of his sister, Mary Craig Kisow, who died on May 24th, 2013

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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 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:

The Potter's Hand
Seasons of Life
Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Darlene Zschech
Mark Hayes
arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome & Announcements:

Jim Silcox

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:

Joan Bancroft

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Alex Pine

Music: MV#16 Come and Fill Our Hearts - choir

Call to Worship:

Jim Silcox

One: As we gather to Praise God, to Seek Forgiveness, and to Bless our Neighbour,
let us seek Wisdom in our prayers.

ALL: Let us journey in peace and prayer, to plant seeds of God's Grace,

One: from the first blossom, to the ripening fruit.

ALL: Our hearts delight in seeing the growth all around us, and within us.

One: Let us seek to be the vessels of faith that God would have us be, so that we can share the message of compassion, kindness and love, that is at the heart of our faith.

ALL: We offer all of the different vessels that we are: Gold and Silver, Wooden and Clay, Special and Ordinary, for we know that all are valued in God's kingdom.

One: Nothing in the universe ever grew from the outside in.

ALL: We come to grow, as God's seeds planted in Hope. May we grow through prayer, action, silence, mission, justice and service.



Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Joan Bancroft

One: Let us pray; Holy God, who called all life into being.

All: The earth, sea and the sky are filled with your goodness.

One: We, who walk upon the earth, yearn for your justice to be done,

All: for every creature to be freed from all ill, for the hungry to be fed, for the captives to be released and for Your Kingdom of Peace to come to the earth.

One: May we be inspired today, to bloom where we are planted, to empower, encourage and set the Spirit free, as we pray together in the words of Jesus, saying: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

***Hymn:** VU #291 All Things Bright and Beautiful
(Children gather at the front)

ROYAL OAK

Forming Young Faith:

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
2 Timothy 2:20-21



Jane Dockrill

John Rutter

Kathryn Skelly

Sermon: Bloom Where You are Planted - II

Barb Cunningham

***Hymn:** VU#296 This Is God's Wondrous World

TERRA BEATA

Prayers of the People:

Barb Cunningham & June McKay

Offering:

Jim Silcox

Offertory Music: Offertory on For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Joel Raney

Offertory Response: VU#260 God Who Gives to Live Its Goodness

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God who gives to life its goodness;
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy;
Teach us now to laugh and praise You,
Deep within Your praises sing,
Till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.

Prayer of Dedication:

Joan Bancroft

***Hymn:** VU#274 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

THORNBURY

***Blessing and Benediction:**

Jim Silcox

***Benediction Response:** MV#209 Go, Make a Diff'ence

Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney

The graphic on the front is intentional in design:

The Tree of Life

The blessed dove is soaring higher, urging you and I to reach up and reach out beyond our knowing.

The tree houses many creatures.

The house on the trunk is a symbol of our need to address and be part of the solution for many issues of justice and poverty in our area. Everyone deserves safe and affordable housing.

The heart in the middle of the house represents your heart and mine, **where God plants seeds of inspiration for each of us to grow.**

The rainbow colours of the leaves are a symbol of our need to be affirming to ALL those with whom we journey.

Last, but certainly not the least – the roots – where we are grounded in our love for God and with God for others.

Today we encourage you to:

**Bloom Where You are Planted.....
Encourage, Empower and set the Spirit Free.**

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Barb Dalrymple, John Eberhard, Fran Eberhard, Steve Elson
Narthex Co-ordinator: Joni Pypka
Coffee & Conversation: Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, Kerry Hill, John Eberhard, Catherine Charlton
Service Support Staff: George Jolink
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

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