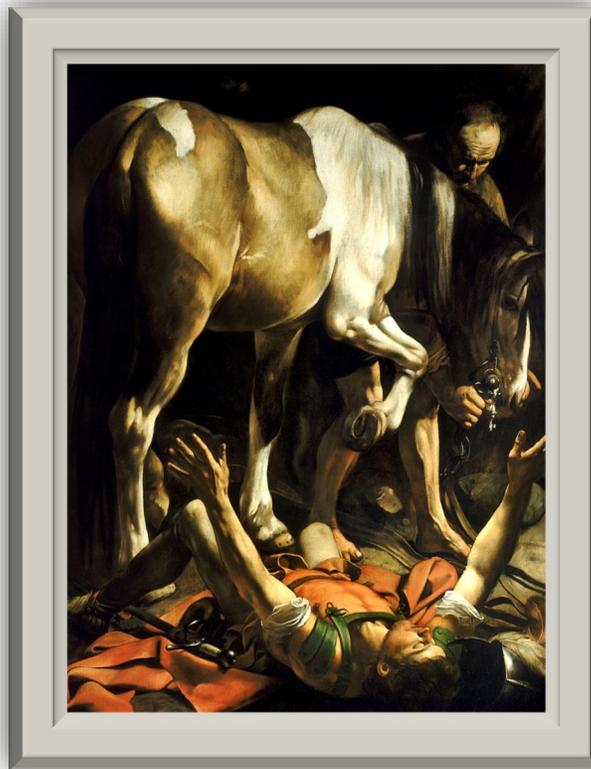


# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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**May 1, 2022**

## **"Interruptive Iterations: Part I"**

**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.

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*\* indicates to stand if able, **bold text** indicates congregational response*

## Music to Enter into God's Presence:

"Moving Ground"  
"Brother James' Air"  
"The Quiet Room"

Paul Merritt, piano  
James Whitbourn  
arr. Dale Wood  
Debbie Wiseman

## Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

## Mission & Outreach Moment:

David Knoppert

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Call to Worship: *from Psalm 30*

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: I will extol you, Holy One, for you have drawn me up!  
**ALL: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**  
One: Weeping may linger for the night,  
**ALL: But joy comes with the morning.**  
One: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
**ALL: You have turned my mourning into dancing;**  
One: so that my soul may praise and shout.  
**ALL: O Holy One, I will give thanks forever.**

## Opening Prayer:

God of all love, thank you for calling us into relationship with one another and with you. Thank you for the joys and the responsibilities that grow out of who we are. When we get confused, lost, or frustrated, help us to experience your voice, guiding us to places of life. In the name of the Shepherd, we ask it. May it be so.

## Anthem: "All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia"

James Whitbourn

Senior Choir; Lynda Kennedy, piano; Paul Merritt, organ

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.  
We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall know,  
We shall know and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise.  
Behold our end which is no end.  
All shall be Amen and Alleluia

*Text attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo (340-430 AD)*

*Children come forward as the choir leaves the front.*

**Scripture:** Acts 9: 1-20

Don Jones

**Hymn:** VU #567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" - vs. 1, 3 & 4  
\*Choir only

KELVINGROVE

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| <p>1. Will you come and follow me<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you go where you don't know<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you let my love be shown,<br/>will you let my name be known,<br/>will you let my life be grown<br/>in you and you in me?</p>              | <p>3. Will you let the blinded see<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you set the prisoners free<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you kiss the leper clean,<br/>and do such as this unseen,<br/>and admit to what I mean<br/>in you and you in me?</p> |
| <p>4. Will you love the 'you' you hide<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you quell the fear inside<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you use the faith you've found<br/>to reshape the world around,<br/>through my sight and touch and sound<br/>in you and you in me?</p> |  |

**\*Scripture:** Revelation 5: 11-14

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Sermon:** "Interruptive Iterations" - Part I: The Passive Voice

**Hymn:** VU #147 "What Wondrous Love Is This" - vs. 1, 3 & 4  
Choir only

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

**Offertory:** "Litany for Ukraine"  
Senior Choir

Jeff Enns

For a world drowned in darkness, let me be the light.  
For a world lost in hatred, let me show love.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world steeped in suffering, let me offer comfort.  
For a world that is lonely, let me be a friend.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world that craves warfare, let me be the dove of peace.  
For a world that is weeping, let me wipe away the tears.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world trapped in sadness, let me bring joy.  
For a world in constant doubting, let me sow seeds of faith.

Kyrie eleison...

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn:** VU #658 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"  
Choir only

ST MARGARET

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| <p>1. O Love that wilt not let me go,<br/>I rest my weary soul in thee;<br/>I give thee back the life I owe,<br/>that in thine ocean depths its flow<br/>may richer, fuller be.</p>             | <p>3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,<br/>I cannot close my heart to thee;<br/>I trace the rainbow through the rain,<br/>and feel the promise is not vain<br/>that morn shall tearless be.</p> |
| <p>4. O Cross that liftest up my head,<br/>I dare not ask to fly from thee;<br/>I lay in dust life's glory dead,<br/>and from the ground there blossoms red<br/>life that shall endless be.</p> |  |

**Blessing and Benediction**

**ALL: The light of God surrounds us,  
the love of God enfolds us,  
the power of God protects us,  
the presence of God watches over us.  
Wherever we are, God is!**

**Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:** Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus  
"Trumpet Tune in C Major" David Johnson

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

Welcoming Ushers: Barb Dalrymple, Charlotte Oldham, Stuart Eberhard and Mary Mattar  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit  
Service Support: Ron Bradley  
Videographers: Merran Neville, Jim Silcox and Kathryn Skelly  
Gift Card Table: David Manness

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.