

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



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“Exiting Economics”
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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Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand in body or spirit

Gathering (Candle lighting) Music: TLUS #2 A Strand in the Web of Life Let Me Be
Sung 3 times Maria Case

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

One: God is with us,
ALL: all the time,
One: and all the time,
ALL: God is with us.

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #227 For the Fruit of All Creation

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Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Exodus 16: 2-15

Anne Cunningham (she/her)

One: A Word of God for all people,
ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: TLUS# 156 O God, You Planted a Garden Andrew Donaldson
Trio (SAA): Joanna Li, Rebecca Neaves, Lesley Andrew

O God, you planted a garden, a garden eastward in Eden.
You formed us there, you named us there;
there we went our own way.
Eager to taste of the evil and good, we plucked, we ate, we hid, we blamed;
but now confessing, seek your face.
Lead us in your way of justice, O God.
Lead us in your way of peace.

O God, you planted a garden, a garden eastward in Eden.
You taught us there, you walked with us there;
there we went our own way.
Eager to learn the ways of wealth, we mined, we drilled, we squandered, spilled;
now oceans drown in our excess.
Lead us in your way of justice, O God.
Lead us in your way of peace.

O God, you planted a garden, a garden eastward in Eden.
You blessed us there, amazed us there;
there we went our own way.
Eager to grasp the ways of power, we built, we paved, we fenced, enslaved;
now all earth cries out for release.
Lead us in your way of justice, O God.
Lead us in your way of peace.

***Scripture:** Matthew 20: 1-16

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Exiting Economics"

***Hymn:** VU #701 What Does the Lord Require of You?
Sung 3 times

MOON

Prayers of the People:

One: Holy God, in your mercy...
ALL: (Sung Response below)

Sung Response: TLUS #135 Send Your Peace Traditional Palestinian & Lebanese
(Arabic only)

**Ya Rab as-salami,
amter alayna_a-salam.
Ya Rab as-salami,
im la' qulubana_as-salam.**

Prayer of Jesus: (unison)

Inspired by the Maori translation in the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain Bearer, Life-Giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of Your Name echo through the universe;

the way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your will be done by all created beings;

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

For the hurts we give to one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering: Gaze upon the Trees
Adult Choir

Andrew Balfour

Love is like a waterfall that happens in the spring,
When the snow has melted in the mountains
and rushes to the sea;

Noopimiing (*in the forest*)

And just you happened on it when you walked out in the forest
just to gaze upon the trees.

Mitigoog (*trees*)

And you find a wisp of loveliness floating,
in the magic between the flowers and the leaves.

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - omit verse 3

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Blessing:

**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!**

Sending Music This Is God's Wondrous World
Chris Fischer, organ

Joe Utterback

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Barb Dalrymple, David Flynn and Katherine Wonfor

Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Tyler Koustrup, Robin Neaves, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood

Lemonade on the Lawn: Faith Formation Committee

Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barb Ridgewell

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