



July 12, 2026
“The Cares of Being Sown”
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: VU #503 When Seed Falls on Good Soil REPTON
Kelsey Lenti (she/her), organ; Congregation (VU #504)

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.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Opening Prayer:

We have gathered in grace, as seeds sown by life and the source of this life that we know as God, Creator, YHWH, Abba. Some days, we are cast on rocky soil, some days we find ourselves in patches of thorns. And yet, we remain hopeful that we will also find that good soil in which to take root. May our time together be a part of cultivating that holy ground, where all seeds can receive nurture and grow into the fullness of who they are created to be. Amen.

***Hymn:** TLUS #155 We Gather as Christ's Body

THAXTED

Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Romans 8: 1-11

Nancy Quinn (she/her)

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

Musical Reflection:

I Believe
The Tree from *The Me Nobody Knows*

Lesley Andrew, mezzo-soprano & Kelsey Lenti, piano
E. Drake, I. Graham, J. Shirl & A. Stillman
Gary Friedman

***Scripture:** Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "The Cares of Being Sown"

***Prayers of the People:**

***Sung Response:** TLUS #105 May You Be Held - sung twice

Juanita Austin

***Prayer of Jesus:** (*unison*)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering: Ombra mai fu from *Serse*

G.F. Handel

Lesley Andrew, mezzo-soprano & Kelsey Lenti, piano

(*sung in Italian*)

Tender and beautiful fronds
of my beloved plane tree,
let Fate smile upon you.
May thunder, lightning, and storms
never disturb your dear peace,
nor may you by blowing winds be profaned.

Never was a shade
of any plant
dearer and more lovely,
or more sweet.

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

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: Toccata
Kelsey Lenti, organ

Auguste Larriu

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Anne Cunningham, David Flynn and Nancy Quinn

Narthex Co-ordinator: Annie Jannaway

Service Support: George Jolink

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

Lemonade on the Lawn: Membership & Nurture Committee

Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Winifred Wake

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