

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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“Fourth Sunday of Lent”  
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, if able.

**Music to Enter into God's Presence:**

Prelude on "MELCOMBE"  
Prelude on "ST. COLUMBA"  
Prelude on "HERE I AM LORD"

Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus  
Healey Willan  
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John Carter

**Welcome and Announcements:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Why FSA?:**

Bob Peel

**Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle & Hymn: "Kyrie"**  
Choir only

Paul Merritt

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

**Call to Worship:** *(Adapted from Psalm 23)*

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: YAHWEH, you are my shepherd—I want nothing more.

**All: You let me lie down in green meadows; you lead me beside restful waters: you refresh my soul.**

One: Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of Death, I fear no danger, for you are with me.

**ALL: I am never alone.**

One: You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies.

**All: You anoint my head with oil—my cup overflows.**

One: Goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life

**ALL: And I will dwell in Your house for days without end.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Creative Emancipator, we are grateful to be in this place with our sisters and brothers, all of whom wish to know You and your desires for the life of First-St. Andrew's United Church. Though we now journey through the wilderness as did Jesus, we go not alone but with steadfast presence of our Shepherd. We may feel lost and tired, but we will keep going, for you have given us this path to walk, this song to sing, so that others might know that they too are loved and welcomed unconditionally. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** VU #405 "New Every Morning"

MELCOMBE

*Children come forward during the singing of the last verse*

**Children's Time:**

Christina Lindsay

*Children leave for Sunday School*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Connor Campbell

**Anthem:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
Men of the Senior Choir

Irish tune  
arranged by Mack Wilberg

The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever.  
Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.  
And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever!

**\*Scripture:** John 9: 1-41

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Message:** "Hidden by Fervent Hands"

**\*Hymn:** VU #619 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEALER (HAUGEN)

**Prayer of Confession & Prayer of Jesus**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Time of Reflection:** "The Lord is my Shepherd"

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
For his Name's sake.  
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Prayer of Gratitude:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

\*Hymn: VU #509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM, LORD

## Blessing and Benediction

**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  
"Sortie" Healey Willan

### Why FSA?

For the next four weeks, as part of the Lenten stewardship theme of **Lent: an opportunity to say thanks ... and to give** - there will be a series of testimonials given by members of FSA. They will be talking about what FSA means to them and why they are thankful to FSA. Each testimonial is a personal expression of how FSA has touched their lives. Thanks to each presenter for sharing their personal experience with all of us.

Both our Anthem and Reflection pieces today have text based on Psalm 23, which is the lectionary psalm for the day. John Rutter's setting was included in his Requiem. The FSA Choir gave one of the first Canadian performances of this work, under his direction, in 1986. The text for "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" is based on a hymn written in 1868 which was later set by Ralph Vaughn Williams to the traditional Irish tune, St. Columba. Today's arrangement is by Mack Wilberg who is the Music Director for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City. Our Candlelighting music today is written by our organist, Paul Merritt. Many of you will remember using this Kyrie during our Time of Confession in the past.



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

Welcoming Ushers: Charlotte Oldham and Kathryn Patton  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Judith Walker  
Service Support: George Jolink  
Tech Team: Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly & Chris Wood  
Coffee and Conversation: Ministry & Personnel Committee  
Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Margaret Wardlaw

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