

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



## July 5, 2026 “The Epistemology of Love” 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 #142 As a Parent Holds a Child EVELYN  
Chris Fischer (they/them), solo; Kathleen Gahagan (she/her) harp  
Congregation joins on vs. 3

**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.**

**Outreach Moment:** David Beach

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Acknowledging the Traditional Territory** Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy One, ever in motion, never finished—we confess that we have become more comfortable with information than with relationships. We have wanted you to be fixed, as a settled meaning that we can memorize. But instead you invite us into mystery, a call that unsettles the ground we stood on. Where we have reduced the ones around us to a mirror of ourselves, open us to the difference through which alone abundant life becomes possible. Make of this hour a window thrown open onto a world still becoming—the fig tree ripening, the vines in blossom. We ask this in the name of Love, ever incarnate, ever arriving among us. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** TLUS #139 Love Over Hate Pat Mayberry  
with Kathleen Gahagan, harp

*Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder*

**Scripture:** Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Anne Cummings (she/her)

One: A Word of God for all people,

**ALL: thanks be to God.**

**Musical Reflection:** My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose trad. Scottish, arr. S. Woods  
Kathleen Gahagan, harp

**Sermon:** "The Epistemology of Love"

**\*Prayers of the People:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**\*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:** Be Thou My Vision  
Kathleen Gahagan, harp

arr. S. Woods

**Gratitude:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**\*Hymn:** VU #367 Come Down, O Love Divine

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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:** Come Down, O Love Divine  
Chris Fischer, organ

Mark Sedio

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

Welcoming Ushers: Anne Cummings, Larry Niles and Katherine Wonfor

Narthex Co-ordinator: Annie Jannaway

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly, Chris Wood and Allison Wyant

Lemonade on the Lawn: Membership & Nurture Committee

Gift Card Table: David Manness and Pauline Schlegel Shank

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

