

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



May 18, 2025 Proudfoot Legacy Sunday 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 Music: Improvisation
Chris Fischer (they/them), organ

Barrie Cabena (in memoriam)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

- ♦ **Second notice:** Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 2 is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 1 in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

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

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Music: VU #19 Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark
Sung 3 times The Iona Community

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: O God, My God, the waters have come to my throat.
ALL: I sink in deep mire, there is no foothold.
One: I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.
ALL: My eyes fail, waiting for the One who is to come.
One: Yet I make my prayer to you, the Wisdom of the Ages.
ALL: In the wealth of your unconditional love, answer me.
One: What if the flood waters overwhelm me.
ALL: What if the Deep swallows me up?
One: Do not hide your face, for I am in distress.
ALL: I will praise the Holy Name, I will magnify her with thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

As part of the legacy of this Earth, we gather, humbled by our irresponsible treatment of our kin, but grateful that we get to do things different each day. Each moment in time is the possibility for things to be other than how they are or have been. May we all live out our appreciation for this truth, which is available to all who have eyes, ears, hands, and heart.

***Hymn:** MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

*Young people leave for Worship and Wonder
during the singing of the last verse.*

Proudfoot Moment: Honouring John Eberhard and Judith Barker
Katherine Wonfor (she/her)

Scripture: Acts 12: 6-17
Barbara Dalrymple (she/her)

Musical Reflection: Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveller
Spiritual,
arr. R. Nathaniel Dett
Choir; Solo quartet: Sonja Gustafson (she/her), Francesca Ranalli (she/her),
Chris Wood, Alastair Smyth (he/him)

Let us cheer the weary traveller, Cheer the weary traveller;
Let us cheer the weary traveller Along the heavenly way.

I'll take my gospel trumpet, And I'll begin to blow,
And if my Saviour helps me I'll blow wherever I go.

Let us cheer the weary traveller, Cheer the weary traveller;
Let us cheer the weary traveller Along the heavenly way.

And if you meet with crosses, And trials on the way,
Just keep your trust in Jesus, And don't forget to pray.

Let us cheer the weary traveller, Cheer the weary traveller;
Let us cheer the weary traveller Along the heavenly way.

Scripture: Philemon 1: 1-2, 7-16
Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "No Longer Bound"

***Hymn:** VU 633, Bless Now, O God, the Journey
THORNBURY

Prayers of the People:
Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Creator of Life,
ALL: hear our prayer.

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: *Dank sei dir, Herr* (Thanks be to God)
Solo: Chantel Bennett (she/her), soprano

Siegfried Ochs

(sung in German)

Thanks be to God,
Thou who hast made thy people free,
All grateful thanks be to Thee.

Like a great flock Thy hand ever led us,
Lord Thy hand leads us,
By all Thy goodness Salvation is ours.

Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God,
Thou who hast made thy people free,
All grateful thanks be to Thee.

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** MV #176 Three Things I Promise

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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: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Chris Fischer, piano

Michael Hassell

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Cynthia Simpson and Dale Pettit
Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly, Chris Wood and Allison Wyant
Coffee & Conversation: UCW
Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barbara Ridgewell

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