

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



August 2, 2026
**“Wrestling
with
Reflection”**
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 #374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre
BEACH SPRING

Welcome and Announcements

Jess Huber (he/him),
Candidate for Ordained Ministry

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

Outreach Moment:

Pat Pettit

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Jess Huber

Opening Prayer:

One: God, we gather before you as one and as many;
ALL: we are unique and united.
One: We come together by different roads that tell diverse stories;
ALL: we hold many truths at once.
One: We know that we will face challenges as we journey together;
ALL: we forgive with ease and grace.
One: We trust each other to speak kindly and generously;
ALL: we communicate with compassion.
One: We are called to live out your love in this world;
ALL: we love courageously, without limit.

One: As we gather together, help us be open to journeys by land, by sea, by sky, or in our mind's eye. Show us ways to explore our edges so that we can confront what we avoid. Help us navigate feelings of restlessness and anxiety, as we encounter opportunities that surprise us, change us, invite us to reflect. Forgive us for the moments where a pause might have prevented harm. Help us to trust that you will guide us safely home no matter how far we wander. We pray this in the name of the One who taught on roadsides and by still waters. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-31

Mark Perry (he/him)

One: A Word of God for all people,

ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: Be Merciful unto Me, O God (*Psalms 57*)
Lesley Andrew, mezzo-soprano & Chris Fischer (they/them), piano

Michael Head

Be merciful unto me, O God, Be merciful unto me,
For my soul trusteth in thee,
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
I will cry unto God most high,
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
He shall send from heaven,
and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up,
God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

My soul is among lions, and I lie even among them that are set on fire,
even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongue a sharp sword.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me,
Into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
Awake up, my glory.
Awake, psaltery and harp.
I myself will awake early.
I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is great unto the heavens
And thy truth unto the clouds.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

***Scripture:** Romans 9: 1-5

Jess Huber

Sermon: "Wrestling with Reflection"

***Hymn:** MV #62 There Is Room for All (*sung twice*)

Bruce Harding

***Prayers of the People:**

One: Architect of love,
ALL: hear our prayer.

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

Loving God, who is in heaven, sacred is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil, for yours is the reign, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Musical Offering: My House from *Peter Pan*
Lesley Andrew, mezzo-soprano

Leonard Bernstein

Gratitude:

Jess Huber

***Hymn:** VU #421 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

**Please use alternate text (vs. 3) "that all our children" instead of "our sons and daughters"*

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: If You but Trust in God to Guide You
Chris Fischer, organ

David Cherwien

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Gillian Channer, Anne Cummings & Larry Niles
Narthex Co-ordinator: Frank & Sara Kearney
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: Margo Christodoulou and David Manness

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