



July 19, 2026
Outdoor Pride Parade Day
Celebration
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: In the Beginning
Jess Huber (he/him), baritone and guitar

Jess Huber

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
And the Word was love, endless love.

In the beginning was the Word, there with God always formed in love.
Jesus came in love, endless love.

And on days like this we gather to reveal that God's plan will always be to heal.
We're here in love answering God's call,
to show and tell God's love includes us all!

Sometimes we forget that we were made, made in God's image so divine.
All of us divine by design.

Sometimes our world does make it hard, hard to remember we belong to God.
We belong in love, endless love.

And on days like this we gather to proclaim that we belong without any shame.
We're here in love answering God's call
to show and tell God's love includes us all!

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to show and tell God's love includes us all!

Not so long ago the church did harm some of God's children who did nothing wrong.
They were made in love, endless love.

Part of our work now is to expand our understanding of God's command:
to break bread in love, endless love.

And on days like this we gather round to pray that we can learn a little more each day.
We're here in love answering God's call
to show and tell God's love includes us all!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
And the Word was love, endless love.

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:

Sacred Gardener, root of all becoming, you did not sow this world in rows. You scattered seed with an open hand—across path and rock and thorn and good soil alike—trusting that life would find its way to grow in more shapes than we have ever had names for. Today we come as your garden: some of us marigold, some of us mint, some of us the wildflower no one planted but that somehow, stubbornly, persists. Some of us have been called weeds by those who had a different field in mind. Some of us have pulled at our own roots, trying to become a crop we were never planted to be. Startle us into remembering that you did not make a monoculture but a tangled, flourishing world. Turn our need to remove some plants into a willingness to walk the field and ask what is growing here and why. We pray this in the name of the One who grew up wild and unpruned and free. Amen.

***Hymn:** Quirky, Queer and Wonderful
(see next page)

Adam Tice

Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Romans 8: 12-25

Steve Elson (he/him)

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

***Scripture:** Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

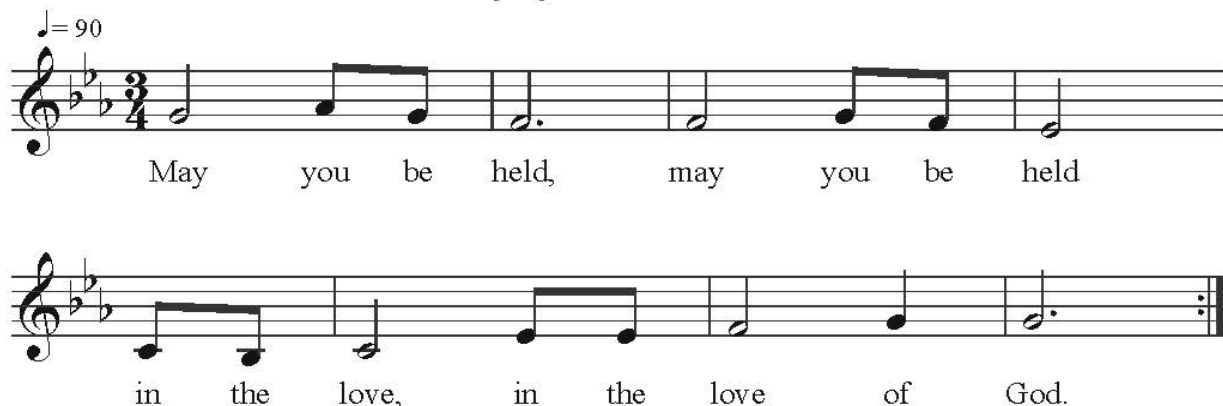
Sermon: "The Wisdom of Weeds"

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

Juanita Austin

TLUS 105

May you be held



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QUIRKY, QUEER, AND WONDERFUL

Adam M. L. Tice

ROYAL OAK
English melody

Refrain



Quirk-y, queer, and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd—



all of our hu - man-i - ty re - veals the face of God.

Verses



1. No "nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre -
2. From Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the
3. To Pe - ter, God pre - sent - ed un - touch - a -
4. In Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der,
5. The man - y parts that form us each serve a



hend the range of all the kinds of
last are first. He tweaked re - ceived re -
ble cui - sine and said, "Do not call
class, and race, can nev - er sep - a -
dif - f'rent role. In Christ, we are one



peo - ple that God cre - at - ed strange!
li - gion with roles that he re - versed.
dirt - y what I de - clare is clean."
rate us from God's a - bun - dant grace.
bod - y, made ho - ly, good, and whole.

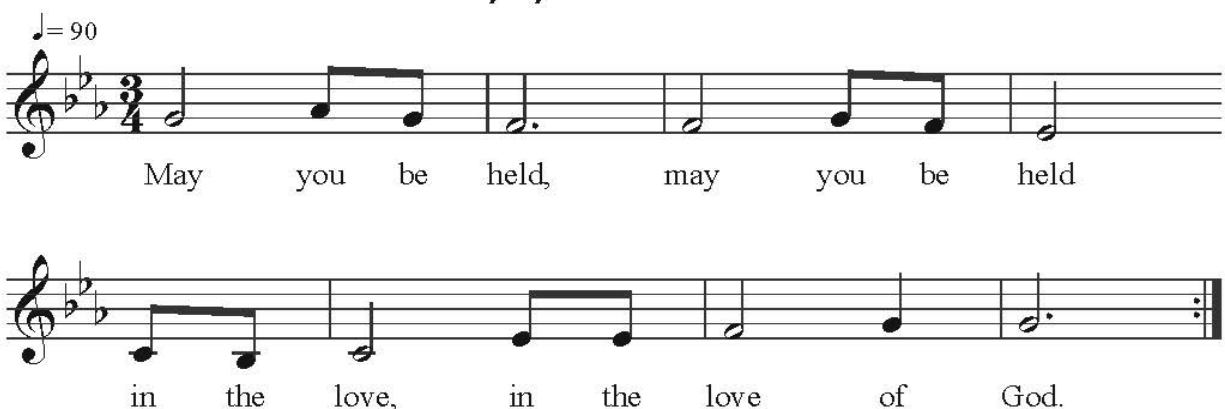
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*Prayers of the People:

***Sung Response:** TLUS #105 May You Be Held - sung once between prayers
Juanita Austin

TLUS 105

May you be held



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*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: Pride Parade Day
Jess Huber, baritone and guitar

Jess Huber

You're welcome here, let's start there, all you need is love.
There's lots of room, we've got more chairs, come on in and join us.
Maybe it's your first time at Pride? It's okay to be shy.
Come as you are we want you here.
All you need is love. All you need is love.
You can ride or you can roll, or walk or take a stroll,
just come with us on Pride Parade Day.

Let's recall how Pride began: Stonewall was a riot.
Our ancestors had had enough of state sanctioned violence.
Wait a minute we've heard that before, oh right!
With the Romans. Jesus fought against empire and said
all you need is love. All you need is love.
You can ride or you can roll, or walk or take a stroll,
just come with us on Pride Parade Day.

Never question God's love for you, Jesus made it clear.
Love thy neighbour as thy self means starting with you.
Whether you're already out and proud, or quietly queer,
you belong with us every day because
all you need is love. All you need is love.
You can ride or you can roll, or walk or take a stroll,
just come with us on Pride Parade Day.

As we prepare for Pride Parade let us all remember
what God requires of each of us. It starts by seeking justice,
then we commit to love kindness and move humbly with our God.
Then we come to proclaim again
all you need is love. All you need is love.
You can ride or you can roll, or walk or take a stroll,
just come with us on Pride Parade Day.

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** Sing a New World into Being
(see next page)

Mary Louise Bringle

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!**

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Joan & Mike Bancroft and Larry Niles
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Robin Neaves, Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood
Lemonade on the Lawn: Membership & Nurture Committee
Gift Card Table: Susan McKane and David Wake

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

Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

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1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!



Please stay for our Pride Party!

Buy your lunch from The Grilled Cheezery Food Truck,

Listen to some Live Music,

Take a photo in front of our rainbow balloon arch

& Play some games on the lawn.

Then stay and watch the Pride Parade as it passes FSA!