

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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May 15, 2022 “Proudfoot Society 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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** indicates to stand if able, **bold text** indicates congregational response*

Music to Enter into God's Presence:

"Lyric Prelude and Fugue"

"Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons"

Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus

Charles Callahan

Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 148*

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Alleluia, praise Yahweh from the Heavens!

ALL: Praise God in the heights!

One: Praise God, all you angels, all you hosts!

ALL: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

One: Praise Yahweh from the earth, you sea creatures and ocean depths!

**ALL: Praise Yahweh, lightning and hail, snow and mist, and storm winds
that fulfill God's word.**

One: Praise God, all mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars.

**ALL: Praise God, wild animals and all cattle, small animals and flying
birds. Alleluia, praise Yahweh!**

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, in whom is Heaven, the hallowing of your name echoes through the universe. Gift us with discernment and resolve, so that your light would shine into all the dark areas of our world. Grace us with affirmation and support, as we encounter obstacles too difficult to surmount without others' help. May the faith of those who have given so much inspire us to do likewise, this day and every day. Amen.

Anthem: "At the River"
Senior Choir

adapted by Aaron Copland/
arr. R. Wilding-White

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Children come forward as the choir leaves the front.

Children's Time: Sibling Rivalry
Children leave for Sunday School

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Scripture: Acts 11: 1-18

Paul Cooper

Hymn: VU #703 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"
*Choir only

PROMISE

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Scripture: Revelation 21: 1-6

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Whence Separation"

Hymn: VU #708 "My Lord, What a Morning"
Choir only

BURLEIGH

*My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Prayers of Confession & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: "Chichester Psalms, Movement 3"

Leonard Bernstein

Chamber Choir

Sonja Gustafson, soprano; Francesca Ranalli, mezzo-soprano; Alastair Smith, baritone,
soloists

(sung in Hebrew)

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty,
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters
Or in things too wonderful for me.
Surely I have calmed and quieted myself,
Like a young child on its mother's lap.
Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever.

Behold how good, and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity.
Amen.

*"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully,
more devotedly than ever before." – Leonard Bernstein*

Prayer of Dedication

Introduction of newest members of the Proudfoot Society:

Paul Cooper &
Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Hymn: VU #371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
Choir only

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Blessing and Benediction

**ALL: 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:
"Aeterna Christi munera"

Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus
Healey Willan

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Barb Dalrymple, Jan Hendry, Glenda Baldwin and Dale Pettit
Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit
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Videographers: David Beach, Merran Neville and Kathryn Skelly
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We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.