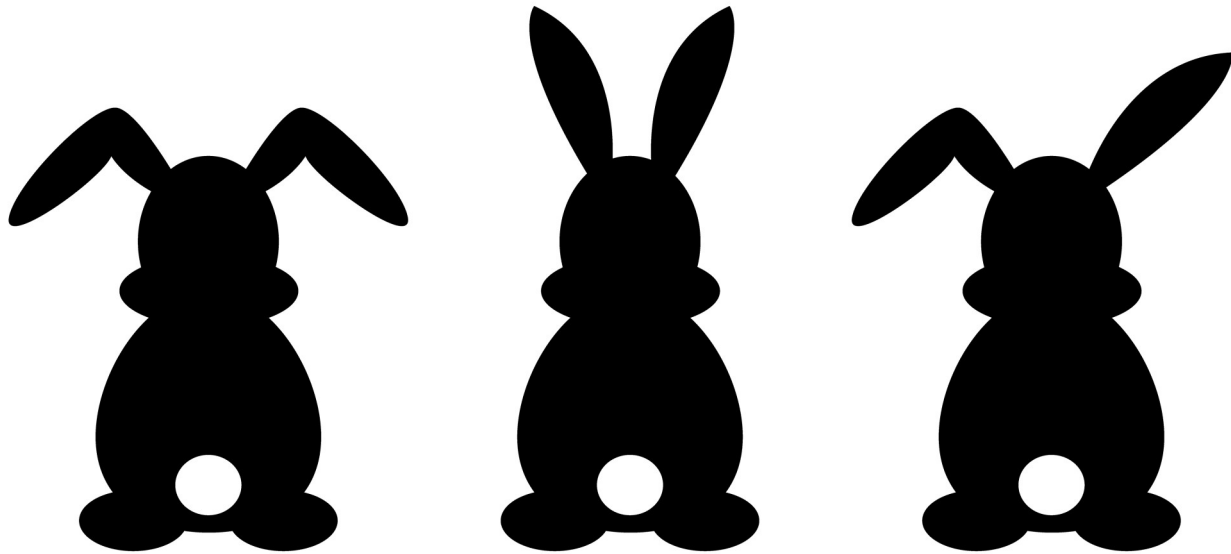


# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



## May 3, 2026 Intergenerational Service Fifth Sunday of Easter 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:** Hymn of Promise arr. Chris Fischer  
Reverberations Bells; Chris Fischer (they/them), conductor

**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.**

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

## Lighting the Candles

**Candle Lighting Music:** MV #144 Like a Healing Stream Bruce Harding  
with Roland Beach, Barrie Evans & Jess Huber - guitars; Marg Trethewey - flute

**Call to Worship:** Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: We come this day with longing in our souls—longing that the ones who come after us will know the love of God, will drink deeply from living water.  
**ALL: We come because we have seen what it costs to raise up a child in the way of grace and truth—the early mornings, the patient hands, the lessons repeated and learned again.**  
One: The Psalmist cries out: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.  
**ALL: We have walked with them in dry and weary places. We have pointed toward the water.**  
One: God's steadfast love is better than life. Let us be the shadow of God's wings under which the young may rejoice.  
**ALL: We give thanks for souls satisfied as with a feast. And we commit again to the holy and difficult work of helping young people find their way.**

## Opening Prayer:

Creative and Compassionate God, we come this morning not as beings who have it figured out, but as beings who are longing—who are, in the words of the ancient singer, thirsty. Thirsty for meaning. Thirsty for connection. Thirsty for you. We confess that much of our world is designed to make us forget our thirst—to fill us with things that do not satisfy, to pacify what longs to be awakened. Today, in this space, we choose to feel it: the longing, the joy, the delight, the holy hunger. May the love at the heart of all things stir in us a desire that reshapes how we live, how we love, and what we are willing to organize ourselves around. Be present in our laughter and our wonder. Be present in our searching. And in all of it, be the One our souls cling to. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** TLUS #134 Little by little  
with guitars - see insert

arr. Tom Witt

*Children & Youth stay in church today*

**Musical Presentation:** "Bunnies!" John Jacobson, Walter Jack  
Treblemakers; Gillian Channer, conductor; Mel Wang, piano

*Treblemakers would like to thank  
all the wonderful volunteers who have supported them this season:*

*Alan Salmoni, Linda Badke, Ann MacPhail, Susan and David McKane, Karin Symonds,  
Laura and Chris Wood, Paul Merritt, Ann Okiemute, the parents.*

*We especially want to thank Gillian Channer and Mel Wang  
for all their support this year.*

*All of these people are who make the program happen so the children and youth can  
come together on Monday nights to make music and memories together.*

**\*Scripture:** Psalm 63: 1-8

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Reflection:** "How Much Do We Want It?"

**Prayers of the People:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Living Breath, in our holding and our releasing

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

**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:** Uma família  
Reverberations Choir; Chris Fischer, director

Jay Althouse

We are one great family, one people, one people. *Uma família.*  
We are one and the same tho' we have diff'rent names. *Uma família.*  
We may live apart, but we are one in heart. *Uma família.*

We are one great family, one people, one people. *Uma família.*  
We can tear down a wall when we are standing tall. *Uma família.*  
We're united as one and we have only begun. *Uma família.*

One voice, we sing with one voice.  
one voice in harmony.

One family; we are one family.  
*Sim, uma família.*

We are one and the same tho' we have diff'rent names. *Uma família.*  
We may live apart, but we are one in heart. *Uma família.*

We are one great family, one people, one people. *Uma família.*

**Gratitude:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

\***Hymn:** MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide  
with guitars & flute

Arr. Michael Bloss

\***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!**

\***Sung Response:** VU #964 Go Now in Peace  
sung in a 3-part round; led by Treblemakers & Reverberations

Natalie Sleeth

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

Welcoming Ushers: Sara & Frank Kearney and Karen Reese  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit  
Service Support: George Jolink  
Tech Team: Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood  
Coffee & Conversation: UCW (United Church Women)  
Gift Card Table: Barb Dalrymple and Margaret Wardlaw

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