

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



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“A Different Vision”
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: MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered Bruce Harding
(Sung three times, in 3-part round)
Rebecca (she/her) and Alex (he/him) Neaves & Chris Fischer (they/them), leaders

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:

Repairer of the breach, healer of the nations; we are gathered here to give account, to ask forgiveness, and to receive wisdom for the road ahead. We acknowledge the unresolved tensions in our families, our communities of faith, in our cities, and beyond. We confess to a certain resignation in the face of challenges that seem too big to confront. Grant us what we need to right the wrongs, heal the wounds, and offer compassion where there has only been harsh judgment. May your vision of justice transform our lives so that we might participate in the transformation of our world. Amen.

***Hymn:** MV #30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker Ron Klusmeier

Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Exodus 12: 1-14 Joan Bancroft

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

Musical Reflection: The Storm Is Passing Over Charles Albert Tindley
Callista & Rebecca Neaves, soprano; Bronwyn Neaves, alto; Alex Neaves, tenor
and Chris Fischer, bass

Have courage, my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over. Hallelu.

Halleluia, Halleluia, Halleluia,
The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over. Hallelu.

***Scripture:** Matthew 18: 15-20

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Sermon: "A Different Vision"

***Hymn:** VU #565 Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness - vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7
ALL SAINTS

***Prayers of the People:**

One: Gather us, Holy One—

ALL: heal the breach, mend what is torn.

***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: TLUS #126 The Lion and Bear
Bronwyn, Callista, and Rebecca Neaves

David Kai

The lion and bear, like the cattle will graze,
this is the world God imagines.
When wolf lies with lamb we will all be amazed,
this is the world God imagines.

A garden creation, we'll tend it with care,
work for the world God imagines.
Its harvest of plenty with all we will share,
work for the world God imagines.

*Refrain: No hurt or destruction in this holy place
where justice and peace are flowing free.
The earth will be full of the knowledge of God:
this is the world God imagines.*

A heavenly city, its courts filled with praise,
sing for the world God imagines.
Surrounding the Lamb, grateful voices we'll raise,
sing for the world God imagines.

The Spirit of God lives among us today
to bring the world God imagines.
While Jesus walks with us to guide all our ways,
to bring the world God imagines. *Refrain*

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

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

THORNBURY

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: Come, Labour On
Chris Fischer, organ

John S. Dixon

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Larry Niles, Karen Reese and Donna Thompson
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Robin Neaves, Kathryn Skelly, Jim Silcox, Chris Wood and Allison Wyant
Coffee & Conversation: Faith Formation Committee
Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barb Ridgewell

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