

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



May 10, 2026 Family Sunday Sixth 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

Singing Solidarity:

1. TLUS #159 Way, way, way
2. TLUS #99 Sending You Light
3. TLUS #127 We Resist
4. TLUS #129 We Shall Overcome

Chris Fischer (they/them), piano
 Traditional Anishnaabe lullaby
 Arr. Peter Amidon
 Mark A. Miller
 Traditional Spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith

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.

Outreach Moment:

Scott Agboola

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Music: VU #402 We Are One - verses 1, 2 & 4

WE ARE ONE

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: We come to this place carrying maps we have drawn of one another—tidy sketches, familiar and safe, borders neatly traced around the ones we think we know. Yet the living God dwells beyond every map we have drawn, even beyond the name we dare to speak.

ALL: In the face of the stranger, God comes to meet us. In the truth of the one we thought we knew, God startles us.

One: On this Family Sunday we gather—not as a closed circle, but as people being opened: to the Other in our families, to the Other in ourselves, to the God who is not the guardian of our comfort but the source of all creation.

ALL: We come to be known more fully than we have dared to know. Thanks be to God. Let the worship begin.

Opening Prayer:

Holy Mystery—you who overflow every altar we have built, every name we have assigned, every category we have drawn—we confess that we have made our families into fortresses: places where certain voices are welcomed and others are managed, where love is extended within the lines we have learned to draw without knowing we drew them. We have spoken at length about the Unknown God while failing to truly see the person sitting across the table. Today, disrupt us with your abundance. Open us to the hidden fullness of those we love and to the holy discomfort of truly meeting them. Let Paul's Areopagus address ring in our ears: you are not far from any one of us. We ask this in the name of the one who made a home among strangers, who dismantled every temple built to keep God tidy—Jesus, the Christ, in whom all things hold together and break open. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder

MCNAUGHT

Children & Youth leave for Worship and Wonder.

UCW Recognition:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence
Laurel Kenney & Nancy Quinn

UCW Purpose:

**To unite women of the Community of Faith
for the total mission of the church
and to provide a means through which
we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ
in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.**



Scripture: Acts 17: 22-34

Linda Badke (she/her)

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

Musical Reflection: Think about These Things

Andrew Donaldson

Solo: Mel Wang, mezzo-soprano; Chris Fischer, piano

Whatever is true, or worthy of honour, think about these things.

Whatever is just, whatever is pure, think about these things.

Whatever is lovely, whatever is graceful,
if there is any excellence, or anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

What you have learned, and received, and heard,
and seen in God's servants, do,
and the God of peace will be with you.

If there is any excellence, or anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

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and seen in God's servants, do,
and the God of peace will be with you.

***Scripture:** Philippians 3: 7-11

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Unknown Knowns"

***Hymn:** MV #10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

TUNE: PICARDY

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: I Love You / What a Wonderful World arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Choir; Soloists: Rebecca & Alex Neaves and Roland Beach

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #678 For the Healing of the Nations

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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: Westminster Abbey
Chris Fischer, organ

Robert Speed

*Please join us downstairs in Proudfoot Hall after the service
for a reception to honour the women of the UCW.*

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Larry Niles, Pat & Dale Petti

Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Scott Agboola, Robin Neaves, Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly & Chris Wood

Coffee & Conversation: United Church Women (UCW)

Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Susan McKane

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