

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



## September 18, 2022 “Canadian Foodgrains 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  
All hymns will include all verses every week unless otherwise indicated.*

## Music to Enter into God's Presence:

"Aria "  
"Voluntary II"

Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus  
A. Carter  
D. Bédard

## Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Music: The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)

Jacques Berthier  
Taizé Community

Repeat as needed.



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion. In



God I trust, in God I trust.

## Call to Worship: (Litany based on Psalm 145)

One: Governments come, and governments go.

**ALL: Only God goes on forever.**

One: With open-handed generosity, God causes the earth to bring forth food for all.

**ALL: Only humans hoard, creating shortages for others.**

One: But God holds nothing back. .

**ALL: God is always available, turning no one away.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

We dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown: where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table. We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm: where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all. We dare to dream of a world in which love rules: where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry. We dare to dream. We dare to pray. We dare to believe.

**\*Hymn:** VU #220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Children come forward during the singing of the last verse.*

**Children's Time:** "Feeding the World"  
*Children leave for Sunday School*

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1

Jan Hendry

**Anthem:** "Gift of Finest Wheat"  
Alastair Smyth, baritone

Robert Kreutz  
arr. John Ferguson

*Refrain:*

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. *Refrain*

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

You give yourself to us, O Lord, then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

**\*Scripture:** Luke 16 1-13

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Reflection:** Steve McInnis from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank



**\*Hymn:** VU #307 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

TENDERNESS

**Prayer of Confession & Prayer of Jesus**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Invitation to Offering**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Offertory: "Psalm 23"**

Martin How

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil.

For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** VU #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

WONDERFUL LOVE

**Blessing and Benediction:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**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:**  
"Voluntary II"

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D. Bédard



**Please join us downstairs in  
Proudfoot Hall for the annual  
Bill & Jean Knowles Corn Roast  
in support of the  
Canadian Foodgrains Bank**



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

Welcoming Ushers: Cynthia Simpson, Pam & Al Salmoni  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Jim Silcox  
Service Support: George Jolink  
Videographers: Ron Bradley, Merran Neville and Kathryn Skelly  
Coffee and Conversation: Membership & Nurture Committee  
Gift Card Table: David Manness

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