

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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## February 10, 2019 Honouring Black History Month 10:30 am



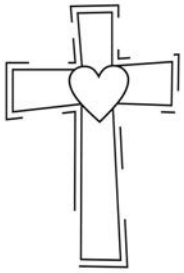
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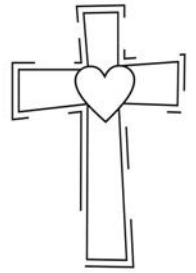


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# Welcome



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. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at [revmichelledown@fsaunited.com](mailto:revmichelledown@fsaunited.com) or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response. \* indicates to stand, if able.

## Music to Enter into God's Presence:

Talk about a Child  
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley  
Deep River

arr. Calvin Taylor  
arr. Jack Schrader  
arr. Calvin Taylor

## Welcome and Announcements

### Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

### Lighting the Christ Candle:

Lachlan Conn

**Music:** The Gospel of Grace  
Sonja Gustafson – soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship:** Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me by Howard Thurman  
*from "Meditations of the Heart"*

Ashley Devine

One: Open unto me, light for my darkness  
Open unto me, courage for my fear

**ALL: Open unto me, hope for my despair  
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil**

One: Open unto me, joy for my sorrow  
Open unto me, strength for my weakness

**ALL: Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion  
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins**

One: Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness  
Open unto me, love for my hates

**ALL: Open unto me, Thy Self for myself  
Lord, Lord, open unto me!**



*Thurman was born in 1899 and raised in the segregated South. He is recognized as one of the great spiritual leaders of the 20th century renowned for his reflections on humanity and our relationship with God. Thurman was a prolific author (writing at least 20 books); perhaps the most famous is Jesus and the Disinherited (1949), which deeply influenced Martin Luther King, Jr. and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Thurman was the first black person to be a tenured Dean at a PWI (Boston U). He also cofounded the first interracial pastored, intercultural church in the US.*

## Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Ashley Devine

**\*Hymn:** MV #88 Over My Head

African American Spiritual

Congregation and choir will sing the refrain, choir will sing the verses

**Music:** At Peace  
Jubilate Bells

Rob Cairns

*At Peace" was written as a corollary to "Conflicted." In "Conflicted" there are chaotic themes which carry through the piece. In the middle, however, there is a calm, peaceful section alluding to what might be in the conflict goes away. "At Peace" expands on the nature of that peacefulness." This piece was written for the Jubilate Bells of Metropolitan United Church by Rob in 2018.*



We extend a warm welcome today to the members of Jubilate from Metropolitan United Church, under the direction of Rob Cairns. It is wonderful to be able to make music with them at FSA today, and on February 24th, the Laudamus Bells will be taking part in the service at Metropolitan United.

## Forming Young Faith

**Anthem:** My God is So High  
Sonja Gustafson – solo

arr. Moses Hogan

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40: 8-13

Steve Elson

**Message:** God is in the Liberating Business

**Music:** The Lord's My Shepherd  
Jubilate Bells and Laudamus Bells  
Anna Klimchuk - violin

arr. Alex Guebert

**\*Hymn:** VU#606 In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

*This hymn is often sung to the tune of ST. PETER, but since we are focusing on Black History Month, we are using the tune entitled MCKEE, the traditional spiritual tune for this hymn.*

## Offering

**Offertory Music:** I'm A Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
Laudamus Bells

arr. Joel Raney

**\*Offertory Response:** VU#575 I'm Gonna Give So Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna give so (give so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn:** Down by the Riverside

traditional Spiritual

1. Goin' to lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Goin' to lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more.

*Refrain:*

*I ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more.  
I ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more.*

2. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more. *[Refrain]*

3. Goin' to try on my long white robe,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Goin' to try on my long white robe,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more. *[Refrain]*

4. Goin' to try on my starry crown,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Goin' to try on my starry crown,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more. *[Refrain]*



**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response:** Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

traditional Spiritual

Refrain - sung twice:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

**Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:**

Wade in the Water

arr. Calvin Taylor



**Feb. 17th - Honouring Black History Month** with solo by Alastair Smyth. Stay for the Organ Recital at 1:00pm featuring Organist Emeritus Paul Merritt.

**Feb. 19th - Songs of Social Justice** with Barrie Evans & Leah Morise. Refreshments at 6:30pm, concert at 7:00pm.

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

Welcoming Ushers: Virginia Robinson, Kay Hillier, Kathryn Patton, Cherry Bulmer and Ken Wright  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Catherine Charlton  
Coffee & Conversation: Stuart Eberhard, Pat & David Flynn  
Service Support: Ron Bradley  
Gift Card Sales: Ivana Klouda & David Manness  
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.