

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

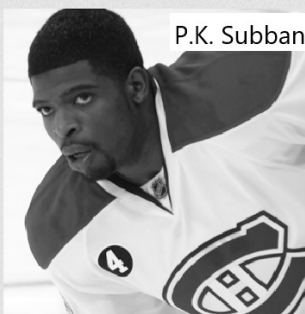
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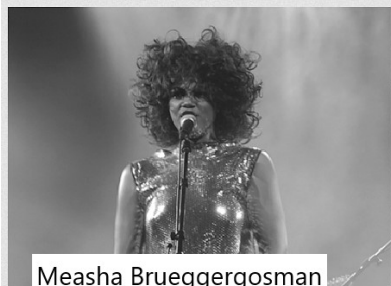
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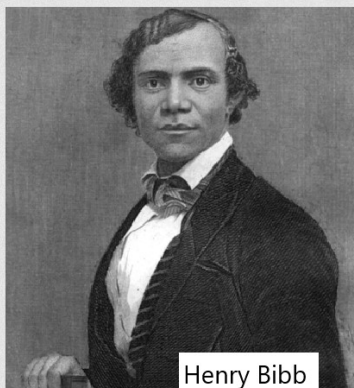
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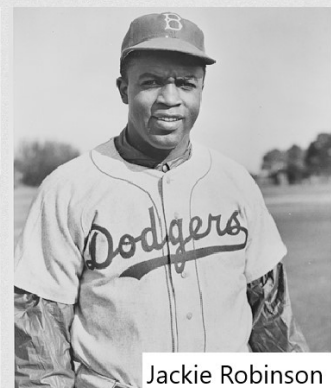
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February 17, 2019 Honouring Black History Month 10:30 am



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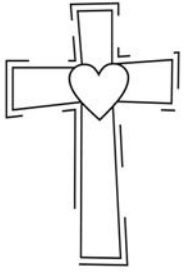
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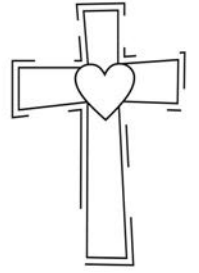
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Welcome



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 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:

In Christ There is No East or West
Variations on "Amazing Grace"

arr. Dale Wood
Denis Bédard

Welcome and Announcements:

1.) Celebrating Blessings with Mike & Jane Westmorland

2.) We extend our gratitude to Heather Locking-Cusolito and Annabelle Logan for all their work on our new 2018 Church Photo Directory. Please see the insert for more details.

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Musical Moment:

Merran Neville

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Cara Bulmer

Music: My Lord, What a Morning
Alastair Smyth - baritone

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship: adapted from Psalm 46

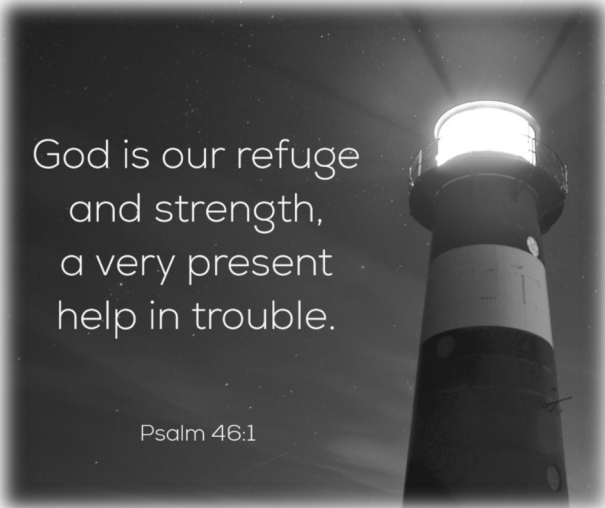
Mason Robichaud

One: God is our refuge and home.
God is our strength and center.

ALL: God is a very present help. God has always been and always will be, our very present help.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth has changed; though the world has changed; though our lives have been shaped by history out of our control and by present realities that threaten us.

ALL: There is a river whose streams make glad, the diaspora of God. God is in her midst. They shall not be moved. God will be present to help wherever morning dawns.



God is our refuge
and strength,
a very present
help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer: (based on A Song of Faith) by Dr. Alydia Smith
Mason Robichaud

Today in our worship,
we recognize people of African descent and lament anti-Black racism and violence.
We pray that the Spirit will reorient us:
challenging us to live by Grace rather than entitlement;
expecting us to be a blessing to the earth.
We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness, we will be closer to becoming a church
where the good news is lived out:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God.
Through our tears and silent confessions, may we witness to your love and grace.
Our hearts are filled with gratitude that you, O God, are both our refuge and
our strength; our breath and our home.
We speak our faith and commitment with the saying of the prayer that Jesus taught his
disciples by saying: Our Father ...

***Hymn:** VU #357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

Forming Young Faith: Family Around the Globe

Anthem: My God is a Rock
Alastair Smyth – solo

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:9-17

Bob Peel

Message: We are Part of the Family



***Hymn:** VU#266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

Offering

Offertory Music: Ain'-a That Good News!

arr. William L. Dawson

***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!
I'm gonna give so (give so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day (see insert)

SWEET BY AND BY

***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:

Variation on "Amazing Grace"

Denis Bédard



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

Feb. 24th - Terry and Laudamus Bells at MET - Bob Kennedy conducting the choir, and Lynda Kennedy on the keys. Gonna finish up **Black History Month** with O When The Saints Go Marchin' In. Be sure that you don't miss it.

Mar. 3rd - Transfiguration with BAPTISM. Come and recommit your own vows of transformation.

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Karin Barth, Sandra Black-Evans, Kay Hillier, Beth and David Girvan
Narthex Co-ordinator: Catherine Charlton
Coffee & Conversation: Kathryn Patton, Steve Elson & Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Gift Card Sales: Margaret Wardlaw & Margo Christodoulou
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.