

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



Undies for Everyone



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Lent 2 - Partnering with Mission Services

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. 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:

Lenten Preludes

J.S. Bach & P. Manz

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Heather Guthrie

Music: Meditation of "Love Unknown"

M. Corl

Call to Worship:

Barbara Cunningham

One: God, author of our Covenant, we come before you, to worship and praise.

ALL: We thank you for the Covenant that you have made with us, and the symbol of that Covenant including every colour of the rainbow.

One: Sarai ... Sarah
Abram ... Abraham
God ... I Am.

ALL: What is in a name?

One: Christian
Follower of The Way
Lover of Jesus
Disciple



ALL: What is in a name? Quite a bit! Relationship. Identity. Promise. Covenant.

One: Then, whatever you name yourself, whomever you may be, come to this place and meet the One who is both Nameless, and Name-Above-All.

ALL: We come to worship God, who goes by the name of Love.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

adapted from Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C. Vancouver, BC

Barbara Cunningham

Let us pray:

God of the Covenant. God of many names, whose love surrounds all creation – we thank you. For this walk of life, and all we meet on it. For the days and the nights, and for your presence in it all – we thank you. We give our gratitude that you know our names, and that you have named us Beloved. Help us to share this with all that we meet, as our covenant with You comes to our lips as we say together:

Our Father ...

***Hymn:** VU #260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Warming Up the World - Lenten Mission Moment: Mission Services
Collecting socks and underwear

*Next week: My Sister's Place collecting \$5 coffee gift cards
and bus tickets*



***Hymn:** VU#603 In Loving Partnership We Come – verse 3

PARTNERSHIP

Loving community we seek; your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak are brought together in your love.
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Anthem: O for a Closer Walk with God

Erik Routley

Scripture: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Heather Guthrie

Message: A Covenant of Names, Socks and Underwear

***Hymn:** VU #634 To Abraham and Sarah

THORNBURY

Offering

Offertory Music: Contemplation on "Caswell"

M. Archer

Stewardship Seconds:

Dominion belongs to God. To us is given the blessing and privilege of being good stewards of God's dominion.

***Offertory Refrain:** VU #120 O Jesus, I Have Promised - verse 1

DAY OF REST

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** VU#108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

WINCHESTER NEW

***Blessing and Benediction:** Our Covenant of Commitment

***Benediction Response:** VU #121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery - verse 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

Fugue from Sonata II

F. Mendelssohn



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Bob Slater, Beth & Stewart Bailey, David Flynn

Narthex Co-ordinator: Ron Bradley

Coffee & Conversation: Music Committee

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

First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

Rev. Michelle Down Minister of Worship and Congregational Life

Rev. Dr David McKane Visitation Minister, Minister Emeritus

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