

Welcome to *First-St Andrew's* **UNITED CHURCH**

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



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Canada Day
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:

Lynda Kennedy

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Minute for Mission:

Youth on a Mission

***Hymn:** VU #524 O Canada

O CANADA

Call to Worship:

Youth on a Mission

One: This land is your land.

ALL: This land is my land.

One: This land is God's land!

ALL: From east to west, from north to south, from ocean to ocean to ocean,

One: we gather to worship as people have in this land

ALL: since before Canada was a nation, since before the settlers arrived.

One: And as we come to worship in this place, God already was, already is,

ALL: already here!

One: In this great land, in this holy space, let us join our voices and spirits with those past and present of all generations, and all faiths

ALL: who come together to praise God!

Written by Elise Feltrin, Bayfield ON

Stewardship Seconds:

As good stewards, we respond to Paul's words
to bring about a fair balance of
God's abundance in this world.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Youth on a Mission

One: As proud as we are of our country, Lord of all, we know it could be better.
We know that WE could be better.
We know that there could be reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of Canada and better relationships among those of all faiths.
We need your compassion in our communities and in our country.
We need your imagination, your vision of a country and a world transformed.
Instead we have made idols for ourselves of culture, race, status and material wealth.

ALL: Forgive us, Spirit of Justice and True Peace.

One: Reconcile, restore, redeem us, O Merciful One.

ALL: Turn us to the face of Christ and give us your Grace we pray, in Jesus' name, as we say together: Our Father...

***Music:** This Land is Your Land
Canadian lyrics by The Travellers

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista, to Vancouver Island
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and I rambled and I followed my footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
While all around me a voice was sounding,
Saying this land was made for you and me.

The sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling;
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
This land was made for you and me.

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island;
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.

Forming Young Faith: What Makes Up Canada
(Children leave for Sunday School)



Offertory Response: VU #537 Your Work, O God Needs Many Hands KILMARNOCK

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayers of Dedication

***Hymn:** VU #523 O God of All the Many Lands

VALIANT

O God of all the many lands,
we lift our hearts in prayer,
for this our land of Canada,
a country wide and fair;
for mountain heights and northern lights,
for prairie, lake and sea,
for every blessing from your hand
bestowed so lavishly.

We thank you for the sacrifice
of venturers of old,
who dared to cross uncharted seas,
whose dreams made others bold;
for valiant souls and pioneers,
for all who served their age,
and left for us who follow on
a sacred heritage.

We thank you that from many lands
with varied gifts they came,
to pledge their love and loyalty
where scarlet maples flame.
May justice here belong to all,
and may our nation play
its rightful role in ushering in
the peace for which we pray.

May we be worthy of our land
and seek its highest good,
shaping a noble destiny
of truest nationhood.
May this fair land, our Canada,
your own dominion be;
your people bless abundantly
from seas to Arctic sea.



***Blessing and Benediction**

Music to Commission us into Service and Witness:

Lynda Kennedy



Happy Canada Day!

Thank you to Lynda Kennedy for providing music today!

**Please join us after the service today for a barbecue in support of
Youth on a Mission!**

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Deanne & David Pederson, Charlotte & Bill Oldham

Narthex Co-ordinator: Charlotte Oldham

Service Support: Ron Bradley

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

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