

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



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Lent 3 - Pride - Feasting on the Future
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.

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

"We acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lunaapeewak and Attawandaron Nations. We convey that we value and have deep appreciation for the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples of Turtle Island (North America)."

Music to Enter into God's Presence: FSA Strings

Co-conductors: Bruce Richardson and Igor Saika-Voivod

Adagio from Sonata no. 4

Sinfonia no. 7 BWV 793

Brother James' Air (Lynda Kennedy, piano)

Francoeur/Bowen

J.S. Bach/Atwell

J. Bain/Hoffer

***Hymn:** VU #626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

(Children leave for Sunday School - Forming Young Faith is happening downstairs for Lent as the children work on their theological presentation for Palm Sunday entitled 'Untie the Donkey', and their Mother's Day Spring Musical called 'Imagine God!')



Diminishing the Light - Embracing the Darkness

Heather Guthrie

Music: Walk Softly - choir

Bob Chilcott

Call to Worship:

Heather Guthrie

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the water.
Even if you have no money, come, and drink!
Come, get wine and milk without any price.

ALL: We are parched and come to be refreshed.

We are hungry, and come to be fed.

We come, responding to God's call to feast and be filled with good things.

One: At times, the road can be a dry and lonely place.

ALL: A lonely journey we travel, always on the lookout for signs of both danger, and signs of hope.

One: With open arms, we are welcomed into God's house, finding a reprieve from the journey and its hazards.

ALL: We delight as we reconnect with each other and celebrate the bounty God showers upon us as we worship today.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Heather Guthrie

***Hymn:** VU #105 Dust and Ashes Touch our Face

NEWELL 2

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Linda Badke

Anthem: Agnus Dei from *Missa Brevis in D major K. 194*

W.A. Mozart

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Sharing Our Community Story: Youth Opportunities Unlimited



Message: An Invitation to Abundant Life

***Hymn:** VU #508 Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

Prayers of Confession, Gratitude and Intercession:

One: There are things you can't reach.

But you can reach out to them, and all day long.

ALL: The wind.

The bird flying away.

The idea of God.

One: And it can keep you as busy as anything else ...
and happier.

Holy God of Joy; hear the gratitude's that leap from our hearts. *(silence)*

One: The snake slides away;
the fish jumps, like a little lily,
out of the water and back in;
the gold finches sing from the unreachable top of the tree.

ALL: I look; morning to night I am never done with looking.

**Looking, I mean not just standing around,
but standing around with your arms wide open.**

One: and thinking: maybe something will come.

Some shining coil of wind,
or a few leaves from an old tree -
for they are all in this too.

ALL: and now I will tell you the truth.

Everything in the world comes.

At least, closer.

And, cordially.

One: Holy God of Truth, hear the truth of our hearts, and the confessions of our souls.
(silence)

One: and now I will tell you the truth.

Everything in the world comes.

At least, closer.

And, cordially.

Like the nibbling, tinsel-eyed fish; the unlooping snake.

Like goldfinches, little dolls of gold fluttering around the corner of the sky
and God, like the blue air.

One: Holy Divine Love, we offer you the names of those on our hearts, who benefit from
your intercession. *(silence)*

... Thank you for coming closer. As close as the blue air.

ALL: God, thank you for coming closer.

Closer ... everything comes closer, when we journey together.

Where does the Temple begin, and where will it ever end?

Amen, and Amen.

Adapted from Mary Oliver "Where Does the Temple Begin. Where does it End?"

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus K.618

W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria virgine;
Vere passum immolatum
In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.*

Hail, true body,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered
On the Cross for humanity.
Whose side was pierced,
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
During our ordeal of death.

Announcements:

Please join us for the FSA Annual General Meeting today.
Lunch sponsored by your FSA staff will be served immediately following the service.

Offering

Offertory Music: The Water is Wide
FSA Strings with Lynda Kennedy - piano

Traditional/Krogstad

Offertory Response: VU#107 Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

SUNDAY'S PALMS

2. We have failed to love our neighbours, their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles, no have cared just how they live;
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over-much our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offering.

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***Hymn:** VU #427 To Show by Touch and Word

LODWICK

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Benediction Response:** MV#216 Wherever You May Go - refrain

RENAUD

Wherever you may go, I will follow, and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow, for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

First Line: Wherever you may go, I will follow, Whither You Will Go
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Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness: FSA Strings

Jigg from Symphony no. 7

Wm. Boyce/Goberman



Mar. 31st - Do You WORRY? For **Lent 4**, we are going to be looking at the theme of Worry and what it means for us all.

Apr. 7th – Yikes ... today's theme ... Sin. Not something we often talk about in the UCC. Don't be afraid, bring a friend for support, and we will get through it together.

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Pam Turner-Langley, Barbara Dalrymple and Bob Peel
Narthex Co-ordinator: Barb Williamson and Liz Mignotte
Coffee & Conversation: FSA Staff
Service Support: George Jolink
Gift Card Sales: Kerry Hill, Barb Dalrymple and Linda Badke
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.