

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

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



Hosanna

March 25, 2018

**Palm Sunday - Partnering with Merrymount
Children's Centre**

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:

Jazz Combo: Sonja Gustafson – vocals, Ariel Kasler – piano
Joseph Phillips – bass, Barry Usher – saxophone

***Hymn:** VU #123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Maddie and Zach Watson

Music: VU #107 Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes
Choral Ensemble

SUNDAY'S PALMS

Welcome & Announcements:

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Call to Worship:

David Pederson

Based on Psalm 118:19-24 from Christina Longhurst's Worship Blog

One: The Lord be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

ALL: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

ALL: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna - This is the Greek form or spelling of two Hebrew words, "Hoshiah-na", which means, "Save now", or, "Save, I pray". The shout "Hosanna" was customarily used at the feast of the tabernacles and the other festivals. It was a shout of exaltation about equivalent to "Salvation".

Opening Prayer:

David Pederson

Lord's Prayer:

Sonja Gustafson

Musical Parade: Jazz Combo

Palm Sunday Blessings from Above

Musical Parade: Jazz Combo

Warming Up the World - Lenten Mission Moment: Merrymount Children's Centre
Collecting craft supplies, such as: markers, gel pens, glue sticks, playdough
and chalk.



***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: All Glory, Laud and Honour
Eva Bettger, Bruce Richardson, Chris Wood – percussion
Laudamus Bells

arr. Richard Proulx

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Catherine Charlton

Message: What is harder - finding a colt that has not been ridden, or doing what
Jesus asks of you?

Musical Parade: Jazz Combo

***Hymn:** VU #127 Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right

WINCHESTER NEW

Offering

Offertory Music: Mansion Over the Hill Top
Laudamus Bells

arr. Linda Lamb

***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.

***Prayers of Dedication**

Stewardship Seconds:

Stewardship is a spiritual practice. How do stewards of the gospel prepare the way for Jesus?

***Hymn:** VU #151 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

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

***Benediction Response:** VU #124 verse 3 - Jazz Combo

In our fasting, and in our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.

Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.

Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness: Jazz Combo



Laudamaus Bells wish to extend their thanks to Pamela Stuart for her assistance on bells today!



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Mary Vernon, Gerry Meacham, Jane Eberhard and Stuart Eberhard

Narthex Co-ordinator: Jean Knowles

Coffee & Conversation: CD Committee and UCW

Service Support Staff: George Jolink

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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