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17 AUGUST 2014; 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome our visitors, and especially our sister congregations from St. Andrew's United and St. John's United Churches and the Presbyterian Church of St. David to today's Service! Join us in the Parlour following worship for coffee and fellowship. Nursery facilities are available. Please see an usher should you need assistance.

OF SERVICE TO YOU TODAY

DEACON ON DUTY: Deacon Jim Stanley **SEXTON ON DUTY:** Amelia Crowell

USHERS: Frank McGill (Capt.) **COFFEE HOUR:** Sally Fyfe, Frank and Anne Sommerville

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

GATHERING

Organ Prelude

Suite liturgique

Bédard

***Call to Worship**

- Rev. Dr. Russ Daye

We come to this place incomplete, sometimes missing the point.

We seek wholeness.

We come to this place reluctantly: the hard pew, the early rising.

We seek comfort.

We come to this place with humility, with bowed heads, with questions.

We seek reassurance.

We come to this place having made mistakes, removing a piece of what is necessary.

We seek forgiveness.

***Gathering Hymn** #230 "THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HATH MADE" (NUN DANKET...)

***Prayer of Approach**

O Lord of Hosts, God of Gods: we come as pilgrims before you, trusting that those who love in your house, singing your praise, are truly happy; trusting that those whose strength is in you and whose hearts are highways to the junction of heaven and earth are truly happy. We come before you, joyfully knowing a day with you is better than a thousand elsewhere. Help us to be fully alive to your blessing as we worship today. Amen.

Solo

Pie Jesu (*Requiem*)

Fauré

Sandra Mercado Bell, soprano

Welcome and Announcements

- Rev. John E. Boyd

THE WORD OF GOD

***Children's Hymn** #469 "MORNING HAS BROKEN"

(BUNESSAN)

Children's Story

- Rev. Dr. Russ Daye

First Lesson

Genesis 45:1 - 15 (OT, p. 42)

- Susan Morse

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 138



I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. R

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly and perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies; and your right hand delivers me.

O LORD, you will make good your purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not abandon the work of your hands. R

Epistle	Romans 11:1 - 2a, 29 - 32 (NT, p. 160)	- Bev Smith
*Gradual Hymn	#298 "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"	(IN BABILONE)
Gospel	Matthew 15:10 - 28 (NT, p. 17)	
Sermon	<i>Unexpected Grace</i>	- Rev. John E. Boyd

RESPONSE

Offertory Solo	The Lord's Prayer Amanda Seymour, soprano	Malotte
*Presentation of Offering		TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>		
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		- Rev. Dr. Russ Daye
*Sending Hymn	#419 "HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD"	(REPTON)
*Commissioning and Benediction		
Organ Postlude	Sortie	Bédard

MUSIC NOTE: Special thanks to our soloists, Sandra Mercado Bell and Amanda Seymour, for contributing their musical gifts to our service this morning. Both Sandra and Amanda sing soprano in our FBC choir during the regular season. We are delighted to have them here today!

OFFERINGS may be designated for either of our congregations through your regular envelopes or by using one of the generic offering envelopes in the pew racks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send to First Baptist by Wednesday noon. (office@fbchalifax.ca)

ORGAN CONCERTS: **Aug. 20 at 7:30 pm** - Shawn Whynot and Patrick Salah for 'A Summer's Evening Concert' at Bethany United Church (7171 Clinton Avenue)

Aug. 27 at 12:10 pm - James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints (1330 Martello Street). Admission by donation in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund.

First Baptist Notices

PRAYER LIST: Rev. Dr. Carey Harvey, Evelyn Denton, Marjorie Fountain, Fraser Dewis, Doris Hilchey, Dorothy Shears, Helen Bethune, Roy & Bette Yetman, Don Myers, & Gordon Taylor.

BRUNSWICK STREET BREAKFAST: FBC will provide breakfast at the Brunswick Street Mission on **Sept. 13**. Sign-up in the parlour lobby. Please help with this worthwhile outreach program.

FALL NEWSLETTER: Deadline for submission of articles to the Office is September 15.

VACATIONS: **Alana** will return from vacation tomorrow. Our thanks to **Marion Doane** for her great work in the Office while Alana was on vacation! **Wayne** is on vacation until Sept. 2.

OFFICE HOURS: **Mondays** - 1pm – 4pm; **Tuesdays to Thursdays** - 7:30am - 4pm; **Friday** - 7:30am – 1pm. Lunch break is 12:30pm - 1pm Tuesdays to Thursdays.

St. Andrew's Notices

FOOD FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: On Wednesday nights in August at 5:30 pm we are gathering at the Dalhousie Multi-Faith Centre (1321 Edward Street) for a potluck meal followed by worship at 6:15 pm. Here is a link to share what you plan to bring to the pot luck meal: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/FoodFaithFellowship>

ATTN ALL USER GROUPS: St. Andrew's experienced a fire which has closed our building for an indefinite period. Our scheduling database was lost in the fire and we need your help recovering this information. If you had a booking in any part of our facilities for the remainder of 2014 and/or during 2015 please email saintandrewsspace@gmail.com with details of your booking and contact info for your group. Someone will contact you promptly to confirm.

HELP WANTED: St. Andrew's community is still looking for people to help prepare, serve and clean up the refreshments for community time following Sunday Services this Fall. If you can help, please contact Trish Betts (patricia_betts@cbu.ca). Thank you!

St. David's Notices

HOLD THE DATE: There will be a local leaders workshop "Living the Apology" as part of the Healing and Reconciliation process on Saturday, September 27 at Calvin Presbyterian Church 8:45-4 pm. More information to follow.

TAKE AWAY/SALE: The final clean out of items in the hall and adjacent rooms will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 9-12. Everyone welcome to come along and help us find new homes for toys, dishes, games, music, linens, furniture etc.. Everything we are not planning to use in the renovated sanctuary must go. Please come and help. If you have any questions, please call the church at 423-1944 and leave a message.

Worship Schedule

August 24: Pentecost +11
Sermon – Rev. Dr. Russ Daye
Music: Diana Hazelton, soprano

August 31: Pentecost +12
The Bush is Still Burning - Rev. Nelson Metcalfe
Music: Eve Roberts, soprano