

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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The office is currently closed.

Order of Online Worship for July 5, 2020

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be sent out by email and posted (with a password) on the Website.

This will be a communion service. In order to participate – either at your home or in the sanctuary, plan to provide your own elements. Please prepare (and bring to the church if you are coming) bread and wine (or crackers and juice or whatever is appropriate) for each person who is receiving communion.

Call to worship (Microphones on)

L: God is all mercy and grace—

P: Slow to anger and rich in love.

L: God is good to one and all—

P: Everything God does is filled with grace.

L: God provides help for us in moments of trouble—

P: And gives a fresh start to those who feel like giving up.

L: Come, let us worship God!

P: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Prayers of approach and confession

Responsive Psalm 145:8-14 (Microphones on)

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

P: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The LORD is good to all,

P: and his compassion is over all that he has made.



L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

P: and all your faithful shall bless you.

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

P: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

P: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

L: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

P: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Ongoing life of the church

Romans 7:15-25a (see below)

Celebration of Generosity

Celebration of Communion

The Gathering

L: As we gather here today in the sight of God to join in Holy Communion, we are separated by social distance of two meters and much more. The God of all creation is not beholden to the bounds of time or place. God transcends our physical distances and parts the veil between us, so that we may be together in mystical space. Through God and the mystery of Holy Communion, we become one creation, one body, one church.

Setting Apart the Elements

L: Together, we share a table of enormous width along a horizontal plane, as it gently contours along our heavenly body. The table is laid bare, earnestly seeking the providence of God. At the wedding feast, Jesus proclaimed "My time has not yet come." Yet persuaded by his beloved mother Mary, he turned water into wine. I ask you now to collect what elements you may to serve as your bread and fruit of the vine, knowing that convenient grace will justify your choices in the sight of God.

Virtual Sharing of the Elements

L: The table is set. Let us proceed.

Thanksgiving

L: God is with you.

P: And with you also.

L: It is good to be joyful as we give thanks to you, Holy God.

P: You created us in your image and gave us life with your breath.

L: Your love does not falter, even as we neglect that love.

P: You liberated us from our bondage, and continue to ease our burden.

L: With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim:

P: Holy, Holy, Holy God of Power and Grace Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

L: You are Holy God, and blessed is your child Jesus. Your Spirit descended upon him so that he could proclaim good news to the poor, heal the sick, feed the hungry, cavort with sinners and liberate the captive. His life gave birth to the church through a new covenant one born out the Holy Spirit whose power dwells within us today. In remembering the mighty acts of Jesus, we offer ourselves as a living witness proclaiming the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Spirit on all those gathered together in holy space, and on the gift of these elements so that we may join together in true communion with one another.

Sharing the elements:

L: This bread is made from many grains from many fields, yet was formed into a single loaf. Because there is one God we, though many, and in many places, are one body. Join us as we partake in the body of Christ, in remembrance of him... The body of Christ given for you

L: This fruit of the vine is made by many hands, from many places, yet pours freely. Join us as we share in this blessing of the cup of the new covenant... The cup of blessing poured out for you and for all

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction *Feel free to chat for a while.

Sermon: Rev. Scott will preach a live sermon over Zoom for those who wish to stay for it. The sermon will also have already been posted on YouTube for streaming whenever you like. The YouTube sermon may have better video and/or audio quality and will feature some graphic illustrations. It will otherwise be the same sermon. The sermon title is:



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carol & David Johnston and family on the passing of Carol's mom, Margaret Drake, earlier in the week. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

Financial Update:

The following represents our Year to Date (YTD) April 2020 General Fund performance as compared to the same period last year Last Year:

\$	YTD April 2020 Actual	YTD April 2019 Actual
Receipts	45,000	52,000
Expenses	84,000	89,000
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	(39,000)	(37,000)

Items of Note:

1. The revenues up to the end of April have come through the normal channels and do not include any government subsidies at this point.
2. There are outstanding rental invoices from Dynamo that would have evened out the bottom line with 2019 had we received them.
3. In May we applied for the wage subsidy CEWS and we qualified for the first segment of March 15th to April 11th. We did not qualify for the second segment as our revenue in April 2020 needed to be 30% lower than 2019 and it was higher.
4. We have also applied for the 10% subsidy for taxes remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency. We will see the resulting subsidy beginning with our May financials.
5. We have checked with our insurer to see if we would be covered for any lost revenue. We were informed that because there is no actual peril at the church itself, there would be no coverage for loss of revenue due to COVID-19.

Thank you for your ongoing support to St. Andrews during this crisis. Please pray for our collective responsive to the needs of our General Fund.

Donald Paddock

Stewardship Chairperson

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 5

Sharing in Mission and Ministry Together

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Prayer Partnership

Monday, July 6 We give thanks for Annemarie Klassen and Anne Saunders who faithfully served on the Cutting Edge of Mission (E.H. Johnson) Committee for the past six years.

Tuesday, July 7 We pray for the Rev. James Pott who serves as the convener of the Committee on Ministry and Pastoral Care for the Presbytery of Ottawa.

Wednesday, July 8 We give thanks for those who have supported our theological colleges with the financial resources needed to educate and equip ministers and leaders for the church and the world.

Thursday, July 9 We pray for families in Haiti who are learning how to combat malnutrition with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Friday, July 10 We give thanks for new ministries and congregations starting across the denomination.

Saturday, July 11 We pray for interchurch families in which couples are married across denominational divides and participate together in two Christian communities.

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.
¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of
hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

Psalms 145:8-14

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slow to anger and abounding in
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Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do the very
thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not
want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in
fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that
dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing
good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I
can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For
I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do
not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do
not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin
that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want
to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²
For I delight in the law of God in my inmost
self, ²³ but I see in my members another law
at war with the law of my mind, making me
captive to the law of sin that dwells in my
members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who
will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our
Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this
generation? It is like children sitting in the
marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷
'We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking,

and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."