

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2020

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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The office is currently closed.

Order of Online Worship for July 19, 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.

Call to worship (Microphones on)

L: We gather in the presence of God;

P: We gather to worship and praise.

L: We gather in joy and expectancy;

P: We gather in beauty and wonder.

L: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;

P: Speak your Word of life to us, O God.

Prayers of approach and confession

Responsive Psalm 86:11-17 (Microphones on)

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

L: O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

P: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

P: Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.



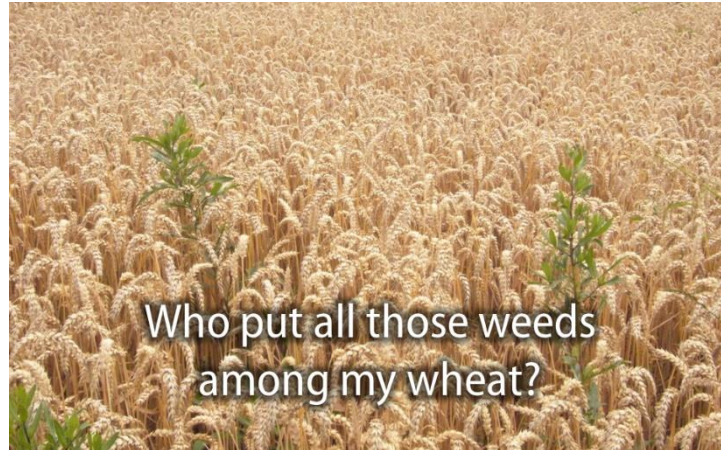
Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (see below)

Celebration of Generosity

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

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:



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the Lightfoot family following the death of Eric Lightfoot's father, Norman. May they know comfort and peace in this time of loss.

We would also note the passing of Doris Joyce, sister in law of Ron Clemens and cousin to Jack and Ruth Marquis. Doris' family will be celebrating a small graveside service tomorrow.

Future Services

We seem to be living in a time when all of the plans we make are subject to change, but here are our plans for worship over the next little while.

- Next week, Rev. Scott will again host worship from the sanctuary. Some people will be welcome to join us in person with necessary precautions in place.
- During August, Scott will take his vacation time. Service will be exclusively online. We will have a group of excellent guest preachers (including Steve Marsh, Karen Kovats and Darrell Clarke) to lead and inspire us.
- On September 2, Rev. Scott will return for a service led from the sanctuary. It will be a communion service and we expect that most will participate online (though we will again welcome people in the sanctuary).

- The session will discuss the next steps. We are not yet in a position to announce when a launch of full in-person worship will begin. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment moving forward. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 19

Meeting Milestones

In Haiti, more than half of the total population is chronically undernourished, the majority of whom are children. Drastic, unpredictable weather changes caused by climate change have left many families food insecure. Many are not able to produce enough nutritious food for their families to consume. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works with local partners to bring nutrition to those who are suffering from malnourishment. Life-saving mobile clinics have been established to detect and treat malnutrition. Since the project began, 3,400 children have been treated, giving them the chance to regain their strength, meet developmental milestones and lead a healthy life.

PWS&D supports healthy futures



Prayer Partnership

Monday, July 20 We give thanks for Louise Gamble as she returns to Owen Sound, Ont., after serving 13 years as a volunteer with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

Tuesday, July 21 We pray for ministers who are seeking to discern God's call to ministry. May they find friends and a comfortable sense of belonging as they adjust to their new environment.

Wednesday, July 22 We pray for the work of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network as it supports church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

Thursday, July 23 We pray for the presbyteries as their moderators, clerks and members seek ways to support each other and to support congregations within their ministries with care and wisdom.

Friday, July 24 We pray for ministers, elders and church workers who are taking much-needed vacations. May they be refreshed and re-energized.

Saturday, July 25 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay.

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before
me.

Who has announced from of old the things to
come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and
declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the

creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind

them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!