

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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The office is currently closed.

Order of Online Worship for July 26, 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: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

P: We will praise our God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

L: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: We will give glory to God's holy name!

L: Seek the Lord, God's strength and presence continually.

P: We will remember God's mercy and justice in worship and praise.

Prayers of approach and confession

Responsive Psalm 119:129-136 (Microphones on)

L: Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

P: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

L: With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

L: Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

P: Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

L: Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

P: My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Romans 8:26-39 (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:



Carol Johnston would like to thank the people of St. Andrews for their cards, prayers and support to her and her family as they deal with their grief for the loss of Carol's mother. You have been a blessing!

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.

- 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.
- While Rev. Scott is away, other local ministers will be available to offer support in event of an emergency. Names and phone numbers will be updated in the weekly bulletins.
- 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!

Rev. Scott will be on vacation starting this coming Friday. If you need pastoral assistance this coming week, you may contact Rev. Mark Gaskin: 519-621-3630

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 26

Keeping Communities Hygienic

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) helps ensure that countries affected by natural disasters have access to proper sanitation. In South Sudan, continuous rainfall that caused massive floods washed away homes and food supplies of hundreds of thousands of people.

Waterways and latrines were also destroyed. Without proper sanitation, the chance of contracting deadly diseases like cholera and typhoid are much higher. With PWS&D's support, 9,000 men and women are accessing clean water and adequate sanitation.

Hygiene kits are distributed to families, along with training on improved hygiene practices. Ensuring cleanliness and sanitation is vital to keep communities as healthy as possible while allowing them to continue to thrive.

PWS&D promotes sanitation programs for a healthy community



Prayer Partnership

Monday, July 27 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Tuesday, July 28 We pray that our hearts may be open and generous so that we might make stewardship a way of life.

Wednesday, July 29 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Thursday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for all victims and survivors of human trafficking. We give thanks for those who work diligently to end all forms of human trafficking.

Friday, July 31 We pray for the strength and commitment to protect the earth in all its beauty and wonder.

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Saturday, August 1 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."