

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
June 20th, 2021
4th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



Order of Online Worship for June 20. We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. The sanctuary is presently closed for in-person worship.

Call to worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: We have seen God's wondrous works all around us,

P: so we come to praise God's holy name.

L: Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

P: We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Holy and gracious God, source of life and love, we gather in your presence to wonder at the beauty and complexity of all you have made, acknowledging how small and insignificant we are, each on our own. Yet you love us with a promise that gives us significance and restores our purpose in the midst of the creation you love. When we are overcome by forces around us, you speak words of peace. When trouble or sorrow sets in, you give us the strength we need to persevere in our witness to your love. In this time of worship, O God, we remember all you have been, all you are and all you will be; offering you all praise and honour, love and loyalty, with our lips and with our lives to the end of our days. Amen.

P: Mighty and Merciful God, source of hope and wholeness, we confess that we fail you far too often. You call us to serve in the footsteps of

Jesus, but we look to our own interests first. You call us to love our neighbours, but we are so good at finding fault in others and withholding our love. You call us to do justice and care for the vulnerable, but we prefer to be silent rather than take a stand for those at risk. Forgive us. Open wide our hearts to our neighbours in need, as we put our trust in your mercy—for us and for them.

L: The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. Give thanks for God's generosity and share it with your neighbours.

P: We will, thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm 9:9-20

L: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

P: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

L: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.

P: Declare his deeds among the peoples.

L: For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;

P: he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

L: Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me;

P: you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

L: The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

P: The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgement; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

L: The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

P: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish for ever.

L: Rise up, O LORD!

P: Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

L: Put them in fear, O LORD;

P: let the nations know that they are only human.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

1 Samuel 17:1-9, 32-40, 48-51

¹ Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. ² Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. ³ The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw

up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.'

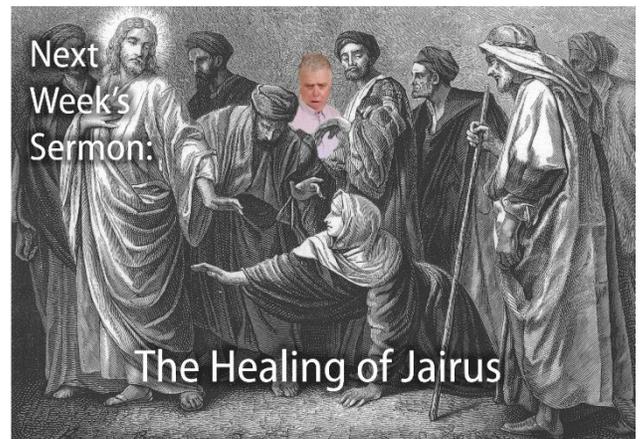
³² David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' ³³ Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' ³⁴ But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' ³⁷ David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

There are some goodies in the mailbox at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that is free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The Summer 2021 Newsletter
- The May/June edition of Today
- The June/July edition of Our Daily Bread
- The spring edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.



Other Lectionary Readings

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

Summer 2021 Newsletter is now out! It has been posted on the Web Page. Print copies are also available at the church – see the mailbox or the church office to pick one up. Any help taking copies to people who can’t stop by or are not connected online would be greatly appreciated!

Mission Moment - June 20, 2021

(National Indigenous Peoples Sunday)

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is **National Indigenous Peoples Day**.

This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges the responsibility that our church, governments, and all Canadians have to continue working for healing and justice with Indigenous people. Presbyterians Sharing supports nine ministries that operate in and with Indigenous communities in Canada. These ministries meet physical and spiritual needs by providing meals, counselling, temporary housing, and employment assistance. They also strive to heal hearts through art and music therapy, worship services that incorporate Indigenous beliefs, and more.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, June 20 On **National Indigenous Peoples Sunday**, we give thanks for Indigenous people of all ages and nations who build up Indigenous communities through art and literature, language preservation and instruction, law and governance, health care and education.

Monday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day) We give thanks for Indigenous leaders who nurture and strengthen their communities and the whole nation and pray for their well-being.

Tuesday, June 22 We pray for a spirit of global cooperation and generosity among the nations of the world as they face new challenges and respond to the enduring needs of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, June 23 We give thanks for scientific research and discovery to confront disease and improve people's health through the development of vaccines.

Thursday, June 24 We give thanks for the work of Paul Clarke who is retiring from his role as Executive Director of Action Réfugiés Montréal this month. We pray that God will continue to bless him and the work of Action Réfugiés during this transition.

Friday, June 25 We pray for the generosity to respond to God's call to share what we have with those in need.

Saturday, June 26 We give thanks that women at the Gambaga Camp in Ghana are receiving skills training to improve their livelihoods with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.