

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
June 27th, 2021
5th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Order of Online Worship for June 27. 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: Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

P: We wait for the Lord and find hope in God's Word.

L: Hope in the Lord!

P: For with God there is steadfast love.

L: With God there is great power to redeem.

P: So we come to offer our prayers and praise to God in whom we trust.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Great and holy God, source of our life and all life, your glory is incomprehensible and your majesty infinite. You are the wellspring of new life and the fountain of true freedom. We marvel at your love, beyond all measure; we are challenged by your kindness which reaches further than we can imagine. We worship you in gratitude, offering you our praise with the voices of all creation, and our trust because you have come to close to us in Christ Jesus. Receive our love and loyalty, now and always, offered through the Spirit who prays within us.

P: Great and merciful God, our judge and our hope, We confess we have sinned against you and one another, in the ways we think, the things we say and the things we do. We have been quick to judge others, but less critical of our own actions. We focus on what

we lack rather than recognize how blessed we are. We ignore the needs of others and fail to see how we could make a difference. In your tender mercy, O God, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct who we shall become, through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share this good news in the way you live with each other.

P: We will, thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

P: Lord, hear my voice!

L: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

P: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

L: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

P: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

P: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' ³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

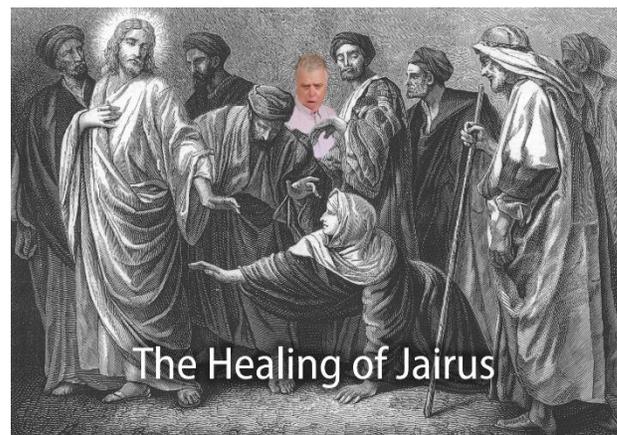
³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any

further?' ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Offertory: "Speak to my soul, Lord Jesus" Bill Hunter

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: "The Healing of Jairus"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

A Response to #215Children

Our Sunday School has decided to do something concrete to remember and mark the discovery of 215 buried bodies of schoolchildren on the grounds of the **Kamloops Residential School**. In order to support the ongoing work of Healing and Reconciliation for Indigenous communities in Canada, they will be making a donation to Winnipeg Inner City Mission (WICM) in the amount of \$215.00 from their pop can money.

They would like to challenge the people of St. Andrew's and others to consider making similar donations (of the same amount or whatever the Spirit moves you to give) between now and Canada Day to show our commitment to work towards a better nation for all.

The challenge is also being passed on to other Sunday Schools and churches in our Presbytery to consider making similar responses.

Some indigenous-focussed organizations to consider supporting:

- One of the nine Indigenous ministries in the **Presbyterian Church in Canada** (including **WICM**)
- The **Woodland Cultural Centre** which educates people concerning the closest Residential School to us and its enduring impact
- **White Owl Native Ancestry Association** which provides counselling and assistance to local indigenous people.

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.

Next Sunday will be a celebration of communion. Please prepare communion elements of bread and wine (or whatever substitutes work for you) for next week's service.



Other Lectionary Readings

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

¹ After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷ David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸ (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

¹⁹ Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

²¹ You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

²² From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

²³ Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

²⁴ O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your
apparel.

²⁵ How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother
Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

²⁷ How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,

and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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!

Summer Services

Throughout the pandemic, the session of St Andrew's Hespeler has sought to do our very best to follow public health guidelines from the region and the province. We have also sought to be very cautious and careful when it comes to protecting the people of our congregation. The province is presently allowing worship services to take place in person at up to 15% capacity of the sanctuary. If conditions continue to improve, we expect that that may soon be increased to 30%.

Nevertheless, we have not wanted to rush into welcoming people into the sanctuary, especially as case numbers remain stubbornly high in the Waterloo region. Last summer, we did experiment with having some people present in the sanctuary as we zoomed live with the rest of the congregation on. We are now in a technological position to be able to do that much better, but we do need to get some volunteers in place in order to make that work. So, if you are interested in coming or making it possible for some people to come in July, please contact us at the church and we will see what we can do.

Rev. Scott will take some vacation time for the last four weeks of August. We've been very fortunate to find two great preachers for those Sundays: recent seminary grad, Paula Rumbolt, and Clerk of Session, Steve Marsh. Given the complexities of putting together hybrid services during those weeks, we do anticipate that these services will be online only.

Joni Smith will once again be off in July as she has an 11-month position with the church.

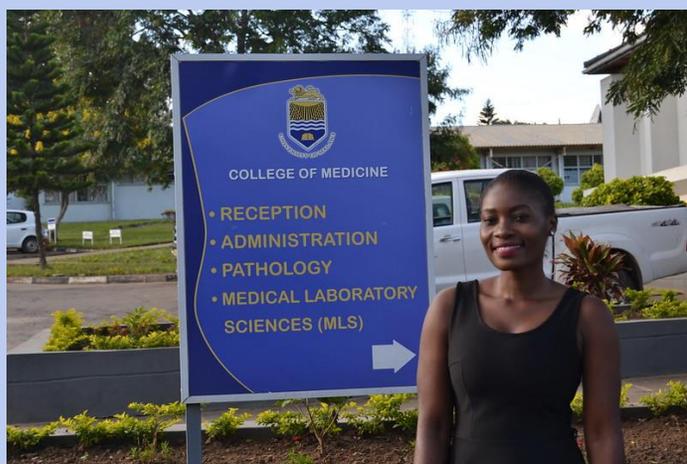
The WMS is unable to send any pneumonia vests to India presently because of the pandemic which has been so severe there. We will let you know when we are able to ship again. Please continue to pray for India and remember former missionary, Pauline Brown, who continues to live there and serve the people. She, at 96, is still waiting for her first shot.



Mission Moment - June 27, 2021

Equipping New Leaders

Growing up in a village in northern Malawi where the nearest health facility is 30 km away, Dorica Nkhata knows about the importance of accessible health care. Working at Embangweni Mission Hospital as a nurse and noticing a critical shortage of doctors, she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor at the Malawi College of Medicine. She approached the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Livingstonia Synod, for assistance. At our partner's request, the PCC accepted Dorica into the Leadership Development Program. With financial support from Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, Ont., and Presbyterians Sharing, Dorica is on her way to fulfilling her dream and serving those in need in rural Malawi. Presbyterians Sharing supports leadership development through medical and theological education and training programs in Kenya, Malawi, Lebanon and Eastern Europe.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, June 27 We pray for those experiencing difficult health issues and give thanks for people who work to bring healing and comfort as well as agencies that offer support and care in our communities.

Monday, June 28 We give thanks and pray for the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking—the 2021 recipient of the Cutting Edge of Mission award—and their ministry of care for the vulnerable.

Tuesday, June 29 We pray for those whose employment has been adversely affected by COVID-19.

Wednesday, June 30 We give thanks for moments of delight and occasions of celebration; for happy gatherings, gentle solitude, pleasure given and received; for laughter, friendship and love.

Thursday, July 1 (Canada Day) We pray that Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country, and we pray for the members of parliament and public servants who form and keep laws.

Friday, July 2 We pray that all people will experience social, political and economic equality.

Saturday, July 3 We pray for God's infinite grace to help us know that we are one holy catholic and apostolic church, blessed with faith through the scriptures, sacraments and work of the Holy Spirit.