

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for July 25.** We will meet online for as long as people want to stay at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. Services are primarily focused on the online presence for the moment, but people may also attend in the sanctuary if they wish, with masking and social distancing still required. This is a communion service, so please prepare bread and wine (or substitutes) for everyone who is participating. Anyone in the sanctuary will also need to bring their own.

**Call to worship**

L: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for our God is great.

**P: We will bless God in this time of worship!**

L: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

**P: God, renew us in this time of worship!**

L: God feeds all creatures in due season.

**P: God, feed us in this time of worship!**

L: Let us sing to God as long as we live;

**P: We will sing praise to our God while we have being. So we come to worship.**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

L: God of majesty and mystery, we gather before you in humble wonder. Source of all that is, your breadth and depth are beyond our imagining. Word of hope and healing, your grace defies our explanations. Spirit of purpose and possibility, you touch us when we least expect it. Receive our praise and prayer this day, and prepare us to receive the Bread of Life in this hour of worship. For we come to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, as your Holy Spirit prays within us, to stir us to new life.

**P: God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the**

**sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we take advantage of each other, how we overlook one another. O God, we confess we do not always see what you see—in our own lives and in the lives that touch ours. Open our eyes to the truth of our times and cleanse our hearts with your grace.**

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? 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.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Responsive Psalm 68:17-23**

L: With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.

**P: You ascended the high mount, leading captives in your train and receiving gifts from people, even from those who rebel against the LORD God's abiding there.**

L: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

**P: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belongs escape from death.**

L: But God will shatter the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of those who walk in their guilty ways.

**P: The Lord said, 'I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, so that you may bathe your feet in blood, so that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from the foe.'**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.'

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to

maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Offertory: "He's Only a Prayer Away" Bill Hunter

Celebration of our Generosity

Celebration of Communion

- Invitation
- Presentation of the elements
- Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Epiclesis
- Sharing the elements

Message: "A Gleam Glows in the Gloom of the Grave"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Diversity & Kindness in Our Community Day Camp will be posted, starting tomorrow. There are 5 different days to this camp. Each day is self-led and includes: a bible reading, a video to watch for the bible story, a craft, an activity and some music. These Google Classrooms will remain posted to the website ([www.standrewshespeler.ca](http://www.standrewshespeler.ca)) for the month.

## Summer Services

Throughout the summer, we will maintain our primary focus on online services. Thanks to changes in government restrictions, we can allow people back into the sanctuary for worship so you may come, if you choose, and be in the sanctuary while the online service is being broadcast. Social distancing and masks are still required, of course.

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**.

## Pastoral Care

Rev. Scott will be on vacation for four weeks starting this **Wednesday, August 4**. If you are in urgent need of pastoral assistance later this week, you may contact the **Rev. Bill Bynum of Knox Preston Presbyterian Church**. Phone: 519-616-9252. Email: [knoxpreston@rogers.com](mailto:knoxpreston@rogers.com). Church phone: 519-653-6691. Many thanks to Rev. Bill for his help this week.

There is some **good news** about pastoral care. The Cambridge Hospital is now allowing clergy visits for patients! Unfortunately, there is not yet a way for visiting clergy to look up on the list to see who might be in the hospital so, if you would like to request a hospital visit for a loved one, please do call the church to let us know that they are in the hospital.

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 July/August edition of Today
- The June/July/August edition of Our Daily Bread
- The summer edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott's most recent sermon each week.

## Other Lectionary Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."'

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them,

'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

John 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**And here, if you would like to read it, is the passage from the Gospel of Peter mentioned in the sermon:**

**The Gospel of Peter 9:35-37, 10:38-42**

<sup>35</sup>Now in the night in which the Lord's day dawned, when the soldiers, two by two in every watch, were keeping guard, there rang out a loud voice in heaven, <sup>36</sup>and they saw the heavens opened and two men come down from there in a great brightness and draw nigh to the sepulchre. <sup>37</sup>That stone which had been laid against the entrance to the sepulchre started of itself to roll and give way to the side, and the sepulchre was opened, and both the young men entered in.

<sup>38</sup> When now the soldiers saw this, they awakened the centurion and the elders-for they also were there to assist at the watch. <sup>39</sup> And whilst they were relating what they had seen, they saw again three men come out from the sepulchre, and two of them sustaining the other and a cross following them, <sup>40</sup> and the heads of the two reaching to heaven, but that of him who was led of them by the hand overpassing the heavens. <sup>41</sup> And they heard a voice out of the heavens crying, "Thou has preached to them that sleep." <sup>42</sup> and from the cross there was heard the answer, "Yea."

## **Mission Moment – August 1, 2021**

### **A Gateway for Evangelism**

Kensington Presbyterian Church in P.E.I. participated in a denominational renewal program, funded by Presbyterians Sharing, that helped identify new ways of helping others grow in faith. As the pandemic necessitated a move to online ministry, the Session at Kensington PC recognized that certain members of their church family were excluded because they could not access technology or the Internet, so they created a Home Ministry program to focus on the inclusion of everyone who could not join online worship. Tablets containing worship services were dropped off weekly, and frequent pastoral visits, check-in and care were all part of the program. An unforeseen benefit of the program was that a member living in a senior's residence used the opportunity to share the services with other residents who were not connected to a church. What started as a discipleship program has now grown into a gateway for evangelism.

## **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, August 1** We are grateful for God's mercy to forgive our sins, and we pray for courage and generosity to forgive others.

**Monday, August 2** We give thanks for congregations that keep us connected at home and around the world.

**Tuesday, August 3** We pray for the safety of people travelling this summer.

**Wednesday, August 4** We give thanks to God, author of creation, who blesses us with the gifts of art and literature.

**Thursday, August 5** We give thanks and pray for the Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary, the only institution in Taiwan dedicated to educating and equipping Indigenous pastors and church workers.

**Friday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima)** We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

**Saturday, August 7** We give thanks and pray for the Center for Minority Issues and Mission and Co-Director, David McIntosh, as he and the Center's staff strive to eliminate racial discrimination in Japan.