

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for August 22.** 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.

### **Call to Worship**

L: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel

**P: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you**

L: I have called you by name, you are mine

**P: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you**

L: When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you

**P: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

L: Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life

**P: Do not fear, for I am with you**

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

L: Loving God we give thanks that no matter where we are, what we are facing, whether our lives are youthful, exciting and challenging, or ageing, growing frail, perhaps painfully, you are always with us in our every situation. Your presence, your closeness, your participation in our every experience, every moment, is our strength. When life seems bleak and conditions threaten to overwhelm

us, may we feel your spirit of love surrounding us. Amen

**P: Almighty God, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance. We each have our hopes and expectations for what lies ahead, but only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we need. In life's uncertainties, assure us of Your unchanging love. In disappointing moments, help us turn to You for stability. In temptation, give us courage to humbly place our hands into Yours. In daily preoccupations, open our eyes to the sorrows of our hurting world that we might respond with compassion. By your grace, equip us to keep You as the center of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen**

### **Responsive Psalm 46**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

**P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**P: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

**P: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**P: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (lectionary readings below)

### Isaiah 43: 1-7; 16-21

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

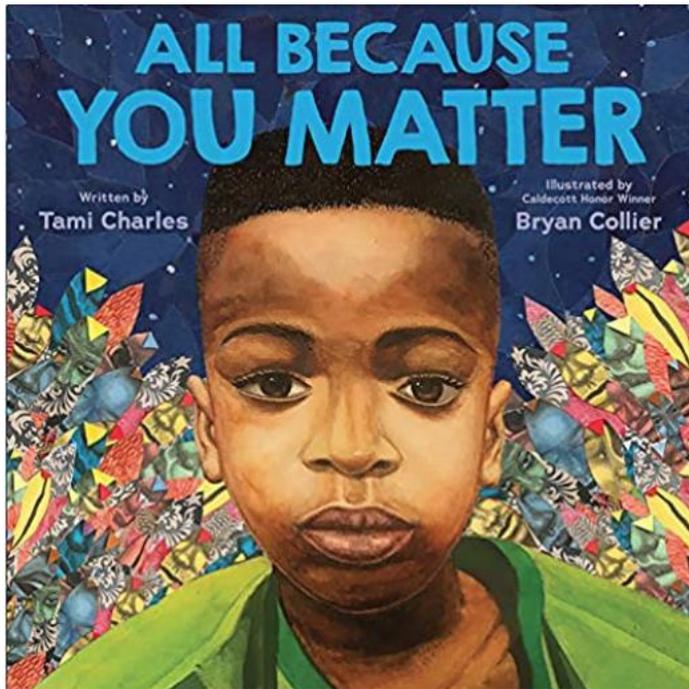
Celebration of our Generosity

Message: The New Normal Will Be Different

Musical Response: Heartbreak Ridge and New Hope Road by The Gatlin Brothers

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



The Christian Education Committee is supporting the development of “Faith @ Home” boxes for our children and families (they will also be available for grandparents). These boxes will contain resources to help facilitate important conversations about God and social justice. Also provided in the boxes will be bibles and resources to help children and families follow along with our online Sunday School classes. We recognize that not all families are able to worship with us on Sunday mornings so this will provide opportunities for families to have some flexibility and also be a part of our church community.

The cost of these boxes is significant so we have developed a wish list on Amazon.ca. If you would like to support this exciting new program you can use the QR code or this link: [https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1DON0AMOOZIKF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1DON0AMOOZIKF?ref_=wl_share)



If you have any questions, please speak with Joni Smith ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)). Thank you for your support.

### Upcoming Events:

- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12 (not the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- St. Andrew’s annual Dream Auction will be held online again this year, from September 27 – October 2. Please think about how you might be able to contribute to the items to be auctioned off AND mark October 2 on your calendar because you won’t want to miss out on the final bidding fun!

### 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 the most recent sermon each week.

## Lectionary Readings

**Ephesians 6: 10-20** <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**John 6:56-69** <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that

did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

## **Mission Moment – August 22, 2021**

### **Saving Hospitals in Nepal**

The United Mission to Nepal (UMN) was founded in 1954 as an international, interdenominational Christian mission. As COVID-19 swept through the country, affecting the lives and livelihoods of much of the population, UMN's two mission hospitals in Tansen and Okhaldhunga experienced a funding crisis. Patients seeking care did not have the income to pay their hospital bills. UMN began a "Save Our Hospitals" campaign and reached out to partners and friends for support. Faithful supporters of UMN from around the world rallied to answer the call, including The Presbyterian Church in Canada—a UMN partner since 1974. The campaign was a huge success, receiving over one million dollars in donations.

## **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, August 22** We pray for God's blessing on Dhana Lama, who will become the first Nepali Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal in November 2021.

**Monday, August 23** We pray for Dr. Rachel Karrach, who has served the United Mission Hospital Tansen in Nepal for 27 years, along with all the hospital staff who provide medical services under very difficult conditions.

**Tuesday, August 24** We pray for staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses and provide vocational training with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Wednesday, August 25** We pray for the people, ministries, and mission of the Presbytery of Peace River.

**Thursday, August 26** We pray for those incarcerated in the prison system and that they are supported as they endeavour to rebuild their lives after their sentence is finished.

**Friday, August 27** We pray for the Rev. Michael Veenema and the REACH ministry in Nova Scotia. May this ministry continue to reach new disciples as it serves people in correctional and rehabilitation facilities.

**Saturday, August 28** We pray for the safety and well-being of agricultural workers, along with all those who process, transport, distribute and sell our food.