# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church May 22nd, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**Order of Worship for May 22, 2022.** We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, screening, masking and social distancing are encouraged.

### Welcome

### Call to worship:

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

### Let all the peoples praise you!

Let the earth rejoice and be glad,

### Let the heavens declare your righteousness!

May all people see your glory, O God;

### May your ways be known throughout the earth.

### **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

God of promise and purpose, we greet you this day with thankful hearts. As flowers unfurl and buds open, the beauty of your world lifts our spirits in praise. As children grow and students prepare to graduate, their energy and enthusiasm encourage us toward your future. Your world is full of such variety and detail, we stand in awe of your creative imagination. Draw close to us in this hour of worship and show us the promise and purpose in our own lives. May we unfurl with your gift of new life, and move into the future, renewed by the energy of your Holy Spirit.

God of diversity and detail, the wonders of your creation amaze us. Yet we confess we often fail to honour its beauty and variety in the details of our lives.

When voices differ in opinion, we listen to those we agree with. We fail to honour experience different than our own.

We resist calls to honour the earth as if it were ours for the taking.

Forgive our narrow perspectives. Open our eyes and our hearts to the pain and perspectives of others, and renew us all with your healing grace.

Responsive Psalm 51: 1-12

- L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- P: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- P: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- P: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- L: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Life & Work of the church: please read the announcements in the bulletin or online under "News."

Hymn # 350 To God Be The Glory

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he\_hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

### Offertory

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: Small Man, Big Amends

Hymn # 349 My hope is built on nothing less

Prayers of the People

Benediction

### We welcome Ms. Paula Rumbolt today as our guest preacher. Thank you, Paula for leading us in worship today!

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia's Conversion in Philippi

- From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district<sup>[a]</sup> of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.
- <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman

from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

John 14:23-29

- <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.
- <sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- <sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—<sup>[b]</sup>
<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

- <sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
- <sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
- <sup>7</sup> May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Rev. Scott has been away for a week of Continuing Education beginning May 16th and returning May 23rd. Rev. Bill Bynum is available should any urgent pastoral care be needed (519-616-9252).

### **Opportunities to Serve**

As we get back to "normal" there are many ways that we can serve and participate in the life of St. Andrew's. Please prayerfully consider getting involved. Here is a list (but opportunities are not limited to this list!) of some areas we need help:

- ♦ Serving at Food Bank on Thursdays. Food bank runs from noon—2:00 pm, but we start setting up about 10:30 am
- ♦ Helping with a somewhat modified Thursday Night Supper & Social in the fall
- ♦ Helping to weed the flower beds in the summer
- ♦ Helping out with our booth at the Hespeler Music Festival on July 9th, various times throughout the day
- Helping out with our booth at the Hespeler Village Market on a Friday evening (date to be determined)
- Recording scripture readings, to be used for Faith @ Home and in our worship services
- ♦ Greeters
- Beadles (bringing the Word of God into the sanctuary and going out into the world with it; essentially bringing the bible into church and walking it back out at the end of worship)
- Soundboard techs and Zoom hosts (training provided)

Please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca) if any of these opportunities call to you! Thank you.

### **News for Families**

Every week there is a new online Faith @ Home room. In this room you can find bible readings, bible stories, prayers, activities and more! You can visit the room anytime during the week as your time allows.

Children and families are encouraged to worship with us now. Our worship services are family friendly, with a Children's Message and activities. If you have any questions please ask Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).



### **Current Needs:**

For Food Bank: milk, eggs, cheese.

For Hope Clothing: men's clothing, all sizes.



Thank you to Vern for dusting and polishing parts of the sanctuary. Thank you to Ray & Jean for dusting and putting all of the bibles, Living Faith and hymn books back in the pews. Our church is ready to welcome you

back whenever you are comfortable enough to join us!

# Mission Moment – Sunday, May 22

Living Waters is a mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough that reaches out to marginalized people in downtown Peterborough, Ontario. The Rev. Jonathan Baird regularly visits people living on the streets and invites them to the two drop-in programs that Living Waters Mission runs in partnership with the Bridge Youth Centre. The programs offer meals, support, counselling and Christian fellowship. One woman, who struggles with mental health and addiction, expressed





her appreciation: "I come here because it is the only place where I feel loved."

### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, May 22** (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday) We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both within and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from Residential Schools and other forms of colonial violence. Guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

**Monday, May 23** We pray for Living Waters Mission, an inner-city mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario, which brings hope and comfort to people struggling with addiction and mental health.

**Tuesday, May 24** We pray for all those who form and keep our laws. Give them gentleness, wisdom, prudence, restraint and a spirit of courage and equity.

**Wednesday, May 25** We pray for commissioners, young adult and student representatives, and committee conveners as they prepare for the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Thursday, May 26** (Ascension Day) We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Christ and the gifts we have all been given to continue it in the world God loves.

**Friday, May 27** We give thanks and pray for faithful women leaders, like Shimy Mathew, Secretary of the Nurses League of the Christian Medical Association of India, who is currently facing many challenges.

**Saturday, May 28** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

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