

St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
May 8th, 2022
Christian Family Sunday

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for May 8, 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 and introduction

Call to worship:

L: Along with all those in heaven, let us cry out together:

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

P: For this reason we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.

L: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

P: We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of the ages, God of today, You are compassion; our cup overflows. You are hope; you lead us into green pastures. You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams. You are life; you restore our souls. Morning, noon and night, O God, you are the source of our joy. We gather to worship you as one family of your people, honouring you as our Creator, trusting you as our Saviour, celebrating you as the Spirit who gives us life. Amen.

P: Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others. We judge ourselves more generously than others. We fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy.



Video: What the world needs now

Message Part 1: with children

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Hymn#434: For the beauty of the earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of

heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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Scripture reading

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ In Joppa there was a woman named Tabitha, who was a believer. (Her name in Greek is Dorcas, meaning “a deer.”) She spent all her time doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ At that time she got sick and died. Her body was washed and laid in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Joppa was not very far from Lydda, and when the believers in Joppa heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him with the message, “Please hurry and come to us.” ³⁹ So Peter got ready and went with them. When he arrived, he was taken to the room upstairs, where all the widows crowded around him, crying and showing him all the shirts and coats that Dorcas had made while she was alive. ⁴⁰ Peter put them all out of the room, and knelt down and prayed; then he turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ Peter reached over and helped her get up. Then he called all the believers, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴² The news about this spread all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed on in Joppa for many days with a tanner of leather named Simon.

Offertory: Grave by J. S. Bach

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message Part 2: introduce packages to children and congregation before speaking



Hymn #635: Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Current Needs:

For Food Bank: milk, eggs, cheese.

For Hope Clothing: men's jeans in smaller sizes.



Congratulations to Jack & Ellen Smith who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, May 11th. Jack & Ellen were married here in St. Andrew's by Rev. T. Mulholland. May God continue to bless you both with good health and happiness together!



We are looking for a bar-b-que so that we can begin to cook lunches on Food Bank Thursdays. If anyone has

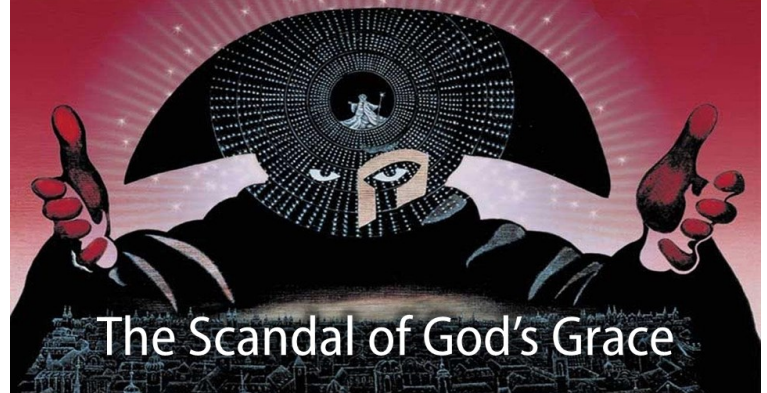


one they would like to donate, or you would like to contribute to purchasing one, please speak with Joni

(jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca). This will be a wonderful way to expand our outreach into the Hespeler community.

Congratulations to Sharon and Pete Moyer who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary!

Next Week's Sermon:



Some Principles of Intergenerational Worship:

- ◆ Worship does not have to be radically different, but it must change to take all ages into consideration.
- ◆ All forms of liturgy (traditional, contemporary, mixed) can all be embraced.
- ◆ Worship needs to become more multi-sensory, how can we pay better attention to what is seen, heard, touched, tasted and smelled?
- ◆ Worship needs to be experiential; how often are ritual, repetition, silence, wonder and awe planned for? Rituals are great equalizers among generations.
- ◆ There is no "right" music style to appeal to everyone, but we may need to expand our preferences.
- ◆ Young children sing and learn to sing better with hymn books so they can follow along with their finger and learn to watch the notes.
- ◆ Rituals (in Worship) will become even more important because they create and focus the group on a sacred symbol that points to God.
- ◆ We need to create opportunities for all generations to connect before, during and after worship.
- ◆ Intergenerational worship is not a temporary emphasis, it is a culture shift.

Mission Moment – Sunday, May 8

Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives in Central America and Mexico. Based in Guatemala, General Coordinator Judith Castañeda and the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) are empowering women and girls through their ministry of accompaniment. Women learn how to take on leadership roles in churches and their communities through faith-based activities

about their personal and legal rights, and the importance of formal education. After completing CEDEPCA's Healthy Relationships course, one woman said, "I feel like a different woman. Before, I used to live locked in my home with a domestic routine, but now I have new friends, we do creative things."



Let us Join in Prayer

Sunday, May 8 (Christian Family Sunday) We pray for the health and well being of families and that the relationships within them are marked by peace, love, trust and care.

Monday, May 9 We pray for the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Guatemala as they empower women and girls throughout Central America and Mexico.

Tuesday, May 10 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, May 11 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, May 12 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, May 13 We pray for clerks of Session as they, with ministers and elders, provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

Saturday, May 14 We give thanks for the programs of the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people struggling with homelessness and poverty.

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For Families:

Check out our Faith @ Home room online. It is new every week. You can find it posted on Saturday mornings on our website, facebook page and twitter.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Family & Children's Ministries Google Classroom. By clicking on different items you will find bible readings & stories, music, activities and prayers.

