

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
June 19, 2022  
Christian Education Celebration!**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Worship for June 19, 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:**

L: We come to worship God,

**P: For God is just and compassionate. God is love.**

L: Where will we find God?

**P: God is among the hungry and thirsty,  
in the face of a stranger, reaching out to us.**

L: Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

**P: Let us worship God and seek God's healing,  
reconciling grace.**

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

L: Creator God, You have made a world of such amazing diversity – with unique living things we cannot number, in an interdependent pattern on which all life depends. We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind – through culture and language, custom and community, expressed in creativity and compassion over and over again. We praise you for such wonder. In Jesus Christ, you show us how much you love your creation and how we can live by your love. By the power of your Spirit, give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made and teach us how to share in the praise your creation offers you day by day.

**P: Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us but we confess we prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We don't understand discrimination that hurts others. We don't recognize how our own preferences affect other people and the earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our familiar assumptions, and open our minds and hearts to the stories of others and the cries of suffering throughout the earth.**

L: The prophet Micah declared that God requires only three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and

walk humbly with our God. To all who truly repent, who turn away from arrogance, and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you!**

Hymn #328 This is my Father's world

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought;  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
God's hands the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Maker's world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Maker's world; God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass God's footsteps pass,  
God speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Saviour's world; O let me not forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Saviour's world; the battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
and earth and heaven be one.

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**P: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

L: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**P: My tears have been my food day and night, while  
people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'**

L: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

**P: how I went with the throng, and led them in  
procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and**

**songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**P: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

L: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

**P: Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

L: I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?'

**P: As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**P: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

Life & Work of the church

Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had

happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

1 Kings 19:1-15

Children's Time

Offertory: Interlude by Gregory Murray      Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: A Very Troubled Young Man

Hymn #717 We cannot own the sunlit sky

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky,  
the moon, the wild-flowers growing,  
for we are part of all that is  
within life's river flowing  
With open hands receive and share  
the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life  
in every earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night,  
and, weary wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears,  
and war horns sound their warning,  
God calls humanity to wake,  
to join in common labour,  
that all may have abundant life  
in oneness with their neighbour.

3. God calls humanity to join  
as partners in creating a future  
free from want or fear,  
life's goodness celebrating.  
That new world beckons from afar,  
invites our shared endeavour,  
that all may have abundant life  
and peace endure forever.

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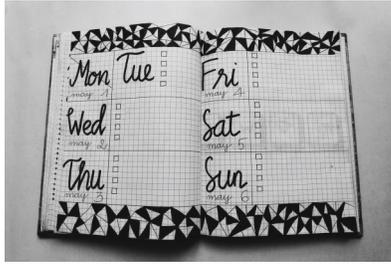
Prayers of the People

Benediction



## Happy Birthday!

Very Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Sam Inglis. Sam celebrated his 94th birthday this past week.



### At St. Andrew's this week:

Tuesday	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Talk-O Tuesdays
Thursday	noon - 2:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Thursday	noon - 2:00 pm	Food Bank

We need your help! As we encounter every year, in July, we need extra people to help with the soundboard. Joni has an 11 month position and will not be at church for the month. If you are able to help, please speak with Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) or Scott ([smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca)). There is time, this month, to sit at the soundboard, during worship to learn or get a refresher lesson!



We are looking for volunteers for the summer for Food Bank Thursdays. If you want to help out please speak with Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca))

For our youth, you are invited to help us each week, from about 11:30 am—2:15 pm, on Thursdays. If you are entering Grade 9 or in high school, these days would count towards your community service hours. If you are interested in helping out please speak with Joni.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers and father figures alike. We hope you enjoy your day!

Father God, We come together to lift up the fathers and father figures in our lives. We know that blood alone is not the requirement for a man can to be a father in someone's life, and because of that, we pray for those who have chosen to step up in the roles of mentorship, adviser, and supporter in the lives of others.

Please bless their kindness and sacrifice, give them wisdom in their journey of care, and pour out Your Spirit upon them as they seek to help others in this world. It is a gallant effort to take on the role as a spiritual father; on this day, help us celebrate all the men we consider fathers by making them feel seen, appreciated, and commended.

In Jesus' Name, Amen



Next Week's Sermon:

## Three Defiant Heroes



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Donald Stokes. Don passed away this week. Please keep Scott & Tanya and family and Mark & Jessica in your prayers at this difficult time.

### Other Lectionary Readings:

Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Mission Moment – Sunday, June 19

Evangel Hall Mission, a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto, offers welcome, sanctuary and hope to people experiencing homelessness and poverty and struggling with mental health and addictions. A recent initiative of the mission is the Peer Worker Program. Employed by Evangel Hall Mission, peer workers are living role models. They share their own struggles and journeys and act as bridges to help others access Evangel Hall's community resources. It is through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing that peer workers are able to share and inspire hope.



**Sunday, June 19 (National Indigenous Peoples Sunday)** We pray for the legislation and protection of Indigenous rights in Canadian laws.

**Monday, June 20 (World Refugee Day)** We pray for families who have been forced from their homelands because of war and persecution. May God encourage and comfort the hearts of refugees on their journey to find stability and peace.

**Tuesday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day)** We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and all Indigenous peoples working for the rights and well-being of Indigenous peoples and communities.

**Wednesday, June 22** We join in prayer with the SABEEL Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center and Palestinian Christians as they continue to pray for a just peace and an end to oppression in Palestine/Israel.

**Thursday, June 23** We pray for survivors of conversion therapy who are struggling to overcome the shame and trauma caused by interventions that sought to change their sexual orientation or gender identity. May God's comfort and grace surround them and help them to access supports for healing.

**Friday, June 24** We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

**Saturday, June 25** We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

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