

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
July 3, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for July 3, 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. This will be a communion service, so please prepare communion elements (bread and wine) if you are planning to join us from home.

Welcome

Call to worship:

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

P: We will sing to the glory of God with resounding praise.

L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

P: God has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy.

L: Let all the earth worship God and sing praises to God's holy name.

P: O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

L: God of majesty and mercy, in creation you gave us all that we need to live and all that we can cherish. You came to us in Jesus Christ to show us the face of your love. You walk into our lives to meet us in the midst of joy and pain. Through the Holy Spirit, you speak words of wisdom to help us find our way. God in our midst, speak to us today in this time of worship. Speak the words we need to hear so that we know you still walk with us in Jesus Christ. For we honour you, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen. For we honour you, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Loving God, You send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace, yet too often we create discord and division. We serve our own interests first, ignoring those in need. We value our understanding of the world you love, and fail to listen to the stories of others. Forgive us for such self-centredness. Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, eager to serve, willing to listen, glad to be of service in his name.

L: The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away and everything has become new!

P: Thanks be to God that by God's mercy, we can all make a new start!

Hymn #814 Morning has broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

2. Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 30

L: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

L: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be

moved.'

P: By your favour, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

L: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

P: 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

L: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!

P: O LORD, be my helper!

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

P: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Life & Work of the church

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

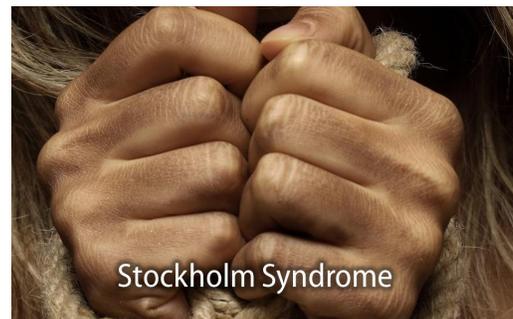
He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the

leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Offertory: Prayer by Ludwig van Beethoven Martin Bohl
Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Stockholm Syndrome



Hymn #800 O Canada

1. O Canada, our home and native land,
true patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
the true north, strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower;
be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.

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Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the People

Benediction

We are looking for volunteers for the summer for Food Bank Thursdays. If you want to help out please speak with Scott (smcandless@standrewshepeler.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.



Sunday, July 3 We pray for peace; and we give thanks for the life-saving aid and support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

Monday, July 4 Spirit of gentleness and peace, we pray that you rescue us from cynicism and the acceptance of war as normal. May your peace get traction in your world today.

Tuesday, July 5 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Wednesday, July 6 We pray for the staff of summer camps as they work to foster safe environments for gender-diverse children.

Thursday, July 7 We pray for summer ministry students.

Friday, July 8 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Saturday, July 9 Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Saviour, and our hope is in you.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 3



Millions of people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to the Russian invasion of

Ukraine. Larysa, her husband and her daughter escaped Kharkiv after spending four nights in the basement of their home due to bombings in the city. "Everyone wanted to travel out of Kharkiv. There were many people at the train station," shared Larysa. The family found shelter in a refugee centre supported by the ACT Alliance. "We are happy to have a place to sleep and where it is warm. It is safe here. I am glad our children are alive." Presbyterian World Service & Development is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid with an appeal issued by the ACT Alliance to provide emergency food assistance, essential non-food aid, health care and emotional support to refugees and internally displaced people.



Recently, the Session decided to make a grant to the Prison Ministry in Malawi from the congregation's Mission Fund. We'd like to share this thank you that we received from Rev. Joel Sherbino who is deeply committed to that ministry:

Thank you for your generous donation towards the prison ministry in Malawi. It is because of gifts like these that we are able to continue to '*plant seeds of hope*'. I recently returned from a 10 day trip to Malawi and it was such an encouragement to see the team and the impact that they are having. Because of the generosity of donors, we are able to begin visiting 5 more prisons. Our total number is now 22 prisons.

Additionally we were able to do some much needed reconstruction work in one of the women's prisons that we visit.

Thank you for your support.

Joel Sherbino, Paris Presbyterian Church

Other Lectionary Readings:

Galatians 6:7-16

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

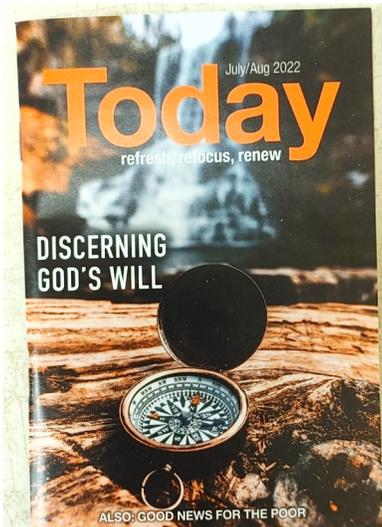
¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

¹⁶ 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸ He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Next Week's Sermon:

"Listen to
me, you
fat cows!"



"Today" devotional books for July and August have arrived. Pick one up at the church or in the "bulletins" mailbox.