

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for July 10, 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

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Turn to God with confidence and expectation.

P: In you, O God, we place our trust.

L: Ask God to show us the road to follow.

P: Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.

L: Seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

P: All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us. We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.

Opening Prayers:

L: God of all beginnings, we come today with praise on our lips and in our hearts. We stand in awe of all you have created: the vast expanse of a starry night and the tiny beauty of a raindrop together reflect your glory. You have blessed creation with life and meaning. Your love makes a beginning in us, too, O God, in each new life born into the world, in each new friendship formed, in each kindling attraction, in each kind word and act for neighbour or stranger. We praise you, O God, for your love moving in the world around us, lived out in Jesus and by the Spirit at work in us. All praise and glory belong to you, Source, Saviour, and Spirit of Love, one God, now and always.

P: God of loving kindness, Jesus called us to love you above all else, and our neighbour as ourselves. Yet we often fail to act in loving ways. We are distracted by our own needs, forgetful of the needs of others. We let differences divide us and excuse ourselves from reaching out. Forgive us, O God. Create in us new hearts so we can live and love faithfully in Jesus' name. Amen.

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Christ, we are forgiven and set

free to begin again.

P: Let us give thanks for God's mercy and be at peace with God, with ourselves and each other.

Hymn #722 Lord, whose love

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:

we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,

consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;

still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,

use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light

in its height and depth and greatness draws upon our quickened sight,

making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,

stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go

to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,

that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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Responsive Psalm 82

L: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

P: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

L: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;

P: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

L: I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'

P: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Life & Work of the church

Amos 7:7-17

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam
with the sword.'

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

¹⁶ 'Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

¹⁷ Therefore, thus says the LORD:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by
the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its
land."

Offertory: Ave Verum by W.A. Mozart

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Listen to me, you fat cows!



Hymn #723 Lord, in this broken world

1. Lord, in this broken world where you have placed us,
open our ears to the voices that call,
crying for help, for direction, for comfort,
ease for the pain and relief over all.

2. *Open our eyes, O Lord, that you can show us
how to bring healing and help for their pain.
Give us the wisdom and strength you have promised;
speak through your servants, we pray, once again.*

3. *Open our hearts, O Lord, show your love through us,
telling of you who alone can restore;
lifting and healing the broken in spirit,
offering your peace and a joy evermore.*

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude by J.C. Rinck

Martin Bohl





**Prayer
Partnership**
Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, July 10 We pray for infants and children who suffer from malnutrition in Somalia, and we give thanks for the feeding programs supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that work to improve their health.

Monday, July 11 In this summer season of rest and renewal, we pray that people and families experience joy and love as they share special times together.

Tuesday, July 12 We pray for ministers and professional church workers struggling with stress, burnout, and physical and mental health issues after over two years of ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, July 13 We pray for ministers serving in institutional chaplaincy positions, and for the Rev. Anita Siposne-Demeter, who serves as chaplain at Glen Hill Terrace, a long-term care facility in Whitby, Ontario.

Thursday, July 14 We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network, who are supporting church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

Friday, July 15 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kamloops in British Columbia.

Saturday, July 16 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 10

“We left our home after a severe drought destroyed our crops and caused us to lose all of our livestock,” shared Hodan Hassan, who lives with her husband and their three children in Somalia. As a result of not having enough food, Hodan’s 14-month-old child Suheyb became severely malnourished. When a community nutrition worker performed a home visit and screened Suheyb and his siblings for malnutrition, it was confirmed that Suheyb’s life was in danger and that she needed immediate treatment. Two weeks after enrolling in an outpatient program that provided therapeutic nutrition support, Suheyb’s weight was significantly healthier. “I am very happy to see my child’s health improve,” expressed

Hodan. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Friends of Ellis Chapel

The doors of Ellis Chapel will re-open this summer for a special event. A 161st anniversary service will take place on **Sunday, August 14th 2022 at 2:30PM with** guest speaker Rev. John Phillips from St. James Anglican Church, Cambridge. Refreshments will be served in the chapel gardens following the service.

The chapel is located at 6705 Ellis Road in Puslinch Township.

Additional information is available at ellischapel@sympatico.ca or: 529/767-2462

Other Lectionary Readings this week:

Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved

Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷ He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸ And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰ Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'