

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
July 24, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for July 24, 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: We come before God with thanks and praise.

P: We will praise God for God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

L: We bow before God in worship.

P: We will worship God, for the glory of the Lord is great.

L: We lift up our prayers to God with confidence.

P: We have faith that God answers our prayers and increases our strength.

Opening Prayers:

L: Ever present God, We seek and you offer. We ask and you give. We knock and you open the door. Ever gracious God, you hear the requests of your people and in your goodness, you answer. In Christ, you offer the gifts of new life and hope to all who seek your blessing. Through your Spirit, you pray within us, even when we cannot find words ourselves. Receive our praise and our prayers this day, O God, and draw us into your holy presence, so that your love will transform us to serve you in the world you love.

P: Ever faithful God, quickly we forget the gifts we have received from your grace; instead of giving thanks, we ask for more. We complain about what we lack and fail to trust your generosity. We refuse others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Transform our hearts and reshape our desires to reflect your goodness in the way we live. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: God is generous and merciful, ready to forgive, offering us new life in Christ Jesus. Accept God's gift of forgiveness and share this gift with others.

P: We will, Amen!

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.

Responsive Psalm 138

L: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

P: I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased

my strength of soul.

P: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

L: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

L: you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

P: The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Life & Work of the church

Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For

the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Offertory: Minuet by Eric Thiman Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Abraham's Fantastic Conversation



Hymn 746 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear;

what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.

Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude

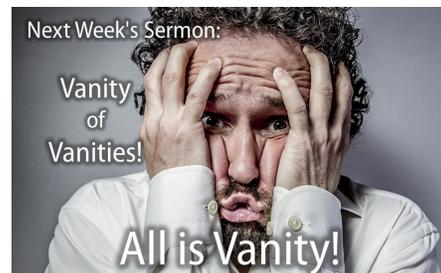
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Next Week's Sermon:

Vanity
of
Vanities!

All is Vanity!





Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, July 24 We pray for those who have been uprooted by conflict in Afghanistan and give thanks for the emergency assistance that Presbyterians in Canada are providing them through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, July 25 We give thanks and pray for churches that are striving to live more lightly on the Earth by taking steps to improve energy efficiency in church buildings and by developing community gardens.

Tuesday, July 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia in Saskatchewan.

Wednesday, July 27 We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Presbyterian camps across the country.

Thursday, July 28 We give thanks and pray for musicians and singers in congregations who help to lead our praise of God.

Friday, July 29 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for an end to all forms of human trafficking.

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 24

In Afghanistan, Samaaneh was born with hemiplegia, a form of muscle paralysis that affects one side of the body. Samaaneh's father worked as a teacher and made enough money to support his wife and three children, and also pay for Samaaneh's physiotherapy. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the family fled to Pakistan. While they were able to find refuge in a cramped one-bedroom house, Samaaneh's father couldn't find work, and the family had very little access to financial resources. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with ACT Alliance, Samaaneh's family received cash assistance to help with purchasing **essential items**. Samaaneh's father has used some of the money to arrange for his daughter to have physiotherapy as well.



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

Sam and Arlene Inglis: Reminder of Open House: Sunday July 24th (1—4PM)

Just a reminder that an Open House will be held in celebration of Arlene and Sam Inglis' 70th Wedding Anniversary at Windy Knoll Farm, 7218 Sideroad 14, Ariss Ontario .

Other Lectionary Readings this week:

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,¹and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.¹

³Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we forgive every one indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves

forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'^[d]

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'" ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit^[f] to those who ask him!

