St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church Aug 14, 2022 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Worship for Aug.14, 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:O God, our Shepherd,

P:gather us together and lead us like a flock.

L:O God, our Gardener,

P:Plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

L:O God, our Merciful Judge,

P:we call upon your name in prayer and praise.

L:We bow before you, O God,

P:and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

Opening Prayers:

- L: God of majesty and mystery, we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries. Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus and wait for your Spirit to guide us. We praise you for your great love and mercy, revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit. Holy One, we offer you all glory and honour in our worship, seeking to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that belongs to you. Amen.
- P: Attentive God, you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we confess we fail to live up to your hopes for us. Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment. Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn # All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!!

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 139: 1-18

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

- P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- L: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

L: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

P: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

P: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

P: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How yast is the sum of them!

P: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you

Life and Work of the Church Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1: 1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his

blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Invitation to the Offering

Instrumental: Martin Bohl

Prayer for Offering

Sermon: YOU are not a write-off (Part 1)



Hymn My Jesus, I Loved Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. **Prayers of the People**

Benediction

Postlude: Martin Bohl

Daily Prayers

Sunday, August 14 We pray for the staff at the Raw Carrot and give thanks for the meaningful employment and support that this social enterprise provides to people living with disabilities and mental illness.

Monday, August 15 We give thanks for LGBTQI2+ community organizations that provide support, social connection and advocacy for queer and trans people.

Tuesday, August 16 We pray for the staff and volunteers at food banks as they endeavour to serve people in need.

Wednesday, August 17 We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

Thursday, August 18 We pray for the members and work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Friday, August 19 We pray that decision makers take steps to protect biodiversity in the earth's ecosystems.

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

Mission Moment – Sunday, Aug.14

The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise is a growing social enterprise that is doing so much more than making soup—it is changing lives by employing individuals living with disabilities and mental illness. Meagan is one of the many people who have found meaningful employment at the Raw Carrot. Her work has helped her to gain confidence and skills and to feel proud of who she is and what she can contribute. Meagan is a huge Raw Carrot fan, as she put it, "The world should have more Raw Carrots, not just because they have good soup, but because it's a good place to work." With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Raw Carrot is transforming lives.

Reverend Scott McAndless will be on vacation from August 7 to September 3rd, 2022. Beginning this Sunday you can contact Reverend Bill Bynum for pastoral care. His number is: 519/616-9252

Our guest preacher today, Paula Rumbolt, is a familiar face to us all. Thanks for being here with us today, Paula.

