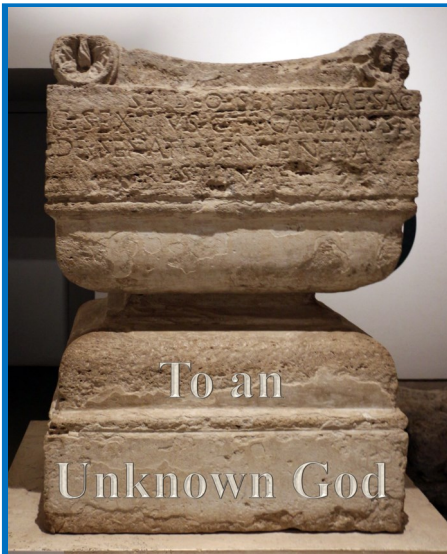


**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
May 14th 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
Christian Family Sunday**

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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. You may also join us online. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, masking and social distancing are encouraged.



Prelude: Chorale
Prelude on
"Melcombe" by C.
Hubert H. Parry

Welcome

**Responsive Call to
Worship**

L: Let us see you this
day, O God;
P: Come to us as light.
L: Let us hear you this
day, O God;
**P: Come to us as
truth.**

L: Let us sense your presence, O God;

P: Come to us as love.

L: Come and let us worship, God.

P: We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

Hymn #39 God of mercy, God of grace

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;

we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of life, we praise you this day for the gift of your creation as new life rises around us in flower beds and farmers' fields, in the nests and burrows of your creatures. We praise you for the gift of our lives, and for all those people – from our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents to our teachers and coaches and good friends – who have encouraged us along the way. In this time of worship, encourage us in the present moments of our lives, challenging as they may seem. Refresh us with the new life you promise us in Christ Jesus in whose name we praise you as the Spirit prays within us. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 66:8-20

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

P: Who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

L: For you, O God, have tested us;

P: You have tried us as silver is tried.

L: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

P: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

L: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

P: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

P: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

L: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.

P: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Video Reading: John 14:15-21 Read by Joni

Gospel: Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hymn #704 Teach me, God, to wonder

1. Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain: Praise to you be given; love for you be lived, life be celebrated; joy you give.

2. Let me, God, be open; let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. *Refrain*

3. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake, in your world of loving, my place take. *Refrain*

4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,

see you in my neighbour when we meet. *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Offertory: All things bright and beautiful GraceNotes

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: To an Unknown God

Prayers of the People

Hymn #415 Children of Jerusalem

1. Children of Jerusalem sang the praise of Jesus' name: children now, in every place join to sing the Saviour's praise.

Refrain: Hark! Hark! Hark! The children's voices sing.

Hark! Hark! Hark! The children's voices sing loud hosannas, loud hosannas, loud hosannas to our King.

2. Teach us now to love you, Lord; teach us how to read your word;

teach us all the ways of heaven. Joyful praise to God be given. *Refrain.*

3. Parents, teachers, old and young, all unite to swell the song,

higher and yet higher rise, till hosannas fill the skies.

Refrain

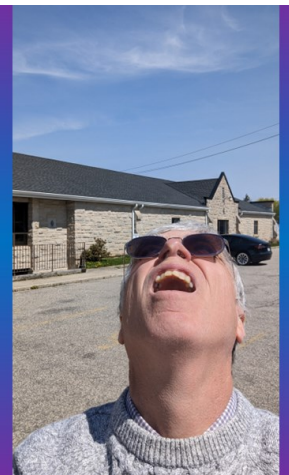
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Benediction

Postlude: Trumpet Tune and Air by Eric Thiman

Next Week's Sermon:

Why do you
stand
looking up
toward
heaven?



Other lectionary reading this week:

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also

suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Greeter:	Elaine McLean	Beadle:	Vern Platt
Organist:	Martin Bohl	Special Music:	GraceNotes
Worship Assistants:	Allison Cann & Sylvia Brooks	Sunday School:	Dean Davidson & Lauren Rowland
Refreshments:	Brenda Holm & Jean Godin		
Tech Team:	Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter		

This Week at St. Andrew’s

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30AM
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 PM

CHURCH GARDEN UPDATE

The New Hope Friends Group is coordinating a spring clean up and planting day at the church on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 (starting at 9:30 AM)**



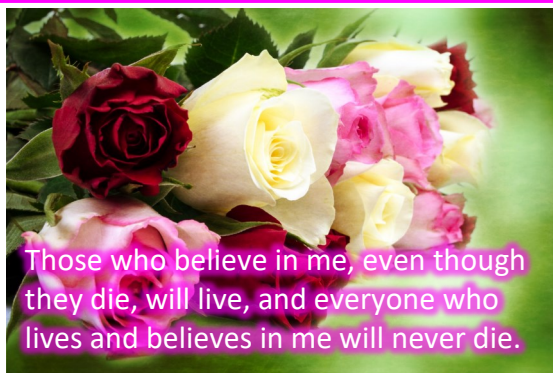
Do you have an abundance of garden plants that you’d like to split and share?
Do you have an hour to help water/weed the garden sometime this summer?
Please contact Allison Cann for more details and if you can help:
aaio.cannfamily@gmail.com

Thank you from the New Hope Friends Group

“And the Lord will continually guide you,
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,
And give strength to your bones;
And you will be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.” Isaiah 58-11



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family and friends of our dear friend Bob Schauber who passed away suddenly just over a week ago.



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the Lefler and Brownlie families following the death of Joan Lefler, a longtime member of this congregation. She passed away peacefully on May 7 in London.

Daily Prayers

Sunday, May 14 We pray for Moses Silungwe as he pursues a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia with support from the PCC through Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, May 15 We pray that the records held by The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives will be useful to ongoing efforts of healing and reconciliation.

Tuesday, May 16 We pray for people participating in the 2023 Encouragement Conference at The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec (May 16–18). May all the participants experience God’s blessing.

Wednesday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target LGBTQI2+ people. We commit to working for the collective safety and flourishing of all people.

Thursday, May 18 (Ascension Day) Almighty God, before Christ ascended into heaven, he told the apostles to be his witnesses “to the ends of the earth” when they received the Spirit (Acts 1:8). May we also be inspired to spread the good news of Christ in word and action, and to do so wisely, joyfully, graciously and with God’s guidance.

Friday, May 19 We pray for the members and ministry of the National Indigenous Ministries Council.

Saturday, May 20 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God’s Mission Through Word and Action

Sunday, May 14 – Mission Moment

One of the pressing problems in Malawi is the lack of health-care workers. **With only 600 doctors to look after a population of 19 million, Presbyterians Sharing is doing what it can to help fill this sizable gap by supporting Moses Silungwe as he pursues a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia**, which is a six-year program. His dream of becoming a general surgeon began when he was working as a senior clinician at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, where he was later appointed acting head of the hospital’s clinical department. Moses is grateful and excited to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor and serving the people of Malawi.

