

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

May 7th 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

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.

In my Father's house...



Prelude: Arioso by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: God is our Rock and our Fortress.

P: **In God, we find refuge and strength.**

L: God's house has many dwelling places.

P: **We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

L: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

P: **For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.**

L: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Hymn #371 Love divine, all loves excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to
earth come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies
crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love
thou art;

visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling
heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every
troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;

take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace
receive;

suddenly return and never, never more thy temples
leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy
hosts above,

pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy
perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let
us be;

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in
thee,

changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take
our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder,
love and praise.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Steadfast God, you are our refuge in times of trouble
our shelter when we are afraid, and our dwelling place
forever. In you alone we place our trust for you set the
way before in Christ Jesus and your Spirit gives us
courage to follow him. And so we offer you our
worship and love as the Source of life for the world, as
the Son who preached the truth of grace and mercy,
and the Spirit who guides us this day and always. Amen

Laying Down Burdens

Responsive Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

L: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

**P: do not let me ever be put to shame; in your
righteousness deliver me.**

L: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

P: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

P: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

L: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

P: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

L: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Video Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Alexis Smith

Gospel: John 14:1-14

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Hymn #698 Saviour, teach me day by day

1. Saviour, teach me day by day love's sweet lesson to obey;
sweeter lesson cannot be, loving God who first loved me.

2. With a child's glad heart of love at thy bidding may I move,
prompt to serve and follow thee, loving God who first loved me.

3. Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace,
learning how to love from thee, loving God who first loved me.

4. Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all its joy;
ever new that joy will be, loving God who first loved me.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Offertory: The Lord's my Shepherd

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: In My Father's House

Prayers of the People

Hymn #706 Come, let us sing

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet:
why do they roam? Why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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Benediction

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke

Other lectionary readings this week:

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

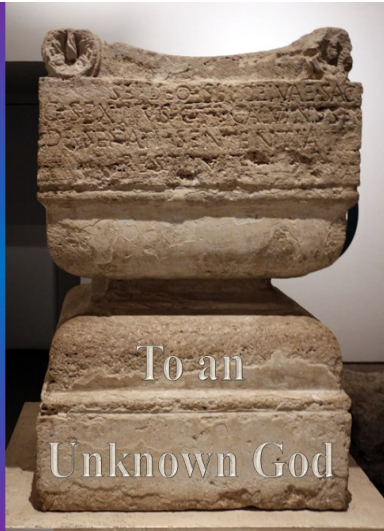
¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

St. Andrew’s Annual Dream Auction

A great big shout out to everyone who supported last night’s Dream Auction. Thank you to local businesses, artisans, St. Andrew’s bakers and makers, everyone who participated in the auction and everyone who helped in any way. It is because of you that we are able to hold these fun events.

In appreciation,
Your Dream Auction Committee

Next Week’s Sermon:



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

Greeter: Margret Hunter

Beadle: Bill Hunter

Organist: Martin Bohl

Soloist: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew’s

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30 AM
Thursday:	Lunch on Queen	Noon—1:45 pm
Thursday:	Food Bank	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM
Saturday:	Hope Clothing	10:00 am—noon
Sunday:	Spring Fling Wrap up & Gallery	after worship

Here we grow again! And we need your help. We are in need of at least 8 people to be on a team, 2 per team, on a rotational basis, who will provide nursery care or Sunday School care. We want to be ready to provide this care for children and families, to make St. Andrew's a welcoming place of worship, for everyone, every Sunday. Some weeks there may not be any children in need of care, other weeks there will be. We want to be able to offer these programs whenever children and families come to worship with us. On weeks when there is no care needed, you will be able to join our worship service. Nursery, toddler and Sunday School care will be very informal and easy to do with minimal prep work and minimal training. You will however, be supported in your efforts by Joni and our soon to be rolled out "Sunday Concierge." If you would like to help with our Children & Family Ministries please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).



Daily Prayers

Sunday, May 7 We give thanks for the hope and empowerment that Presbyterian World Service & Development and its partners bring to women in Guatemala.

Monday, May 8 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario.

Tuesday, May 9 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Wednesday, May 10 We pray for God's healing love for those overcoming leprosy and tuberculosis at the Shining Hospital in Nepal, supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Thursday, May 11 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pickering in Ontario.

Friday, May 12 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Saturday, May 13 We celebrate and thank God for all the students graduating from the PCC's theological colleges this May. We pray for God's guidance as they discern their futures and embark on their next steps in ministry.

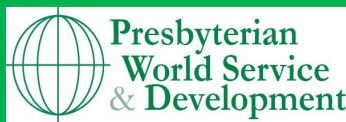
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Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, May 7 – Mission Moment



In Guatemala, Amalia López Pérez de Coronado is a member of a women's group that engages in discussions about oppression, marginalization and violence against women. **With the support of Presbyterian World Service &**

Development and local partner, AMMID, the group hosts workshops that promote women's empowerment by teaching women about their rights, including their right to participate in decision-making structures at both the community and municipal levels. Through these workshops, Amalia has gained a sense of confidence that has allowed her to participate fully and freely in many different organizations. She's also inspired other women in her community to do the same. Expressing her gratitude for the organizations that make these initiatives possible, Amalia affirmed, "I am grateful to AMMID for supporting women."

