

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church June 18, 2023 National Indigenous Peoples 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.



Prelude : "Holy Manna" by Don Hustad

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Holy and generous is God, the Creator of all things.

P: Loving and gracious is Christ, the Bearer of healing and hope.

L: Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of new life.

P: Trinity of grace, we call on you today.

L: Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!

P: We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

Hymn #96 Let us with a gladsome mind

1. Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, so good and kind,
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2. Let us blaze Gods name abroad;
of all gods the Lord is God,
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3. God with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light,
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

4. All things living God doth feed;
with full hand supplies their need,
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

5. Let us then with gladsome mind
praise the Lord, so good and kind,
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Creator God, You have made a world of such amazing diversity – with unique living things we cannot number! We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind – through culture and language, custom and community, expressed in so much creativity and compassion. We praise you for such wonder. In Jesus Christ, you show us how much you love your creation and how we can live by your love. By the power of your Spirit, give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made and teach us how to love your creation with humble, grateful hearts. Amen

Setting Aside our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 103:1-14

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

P: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

P: and do not forget all his benefits—

L: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit,

P: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

L: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

P: For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Video Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8 Read by Joni

Exodus 34:1-9

¹ The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain, and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name, "The LORD." ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed down to the ground and worshiped. ⁹ He said, "If now I have found favour in your sight, my Lord, I pray, let my Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn #348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2. First, let me hear how the children stood round his
knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me:
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

3. Tell me about the disciples from far and near,
and I will listen among them eager to hear.
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,
showing the people God's tenderness?

4. Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee,
and how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

5. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: As the Deer

Alan Waugh

Sermon: Not so Random Kindness

Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace...never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Postlude by J. H. Knecht

Next Week's Sermon:



Next Sunday we will have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Oliver, son of Lisa and Steven (and grandson of Kathy and Heinz).



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

Greeter(s):

Carol Johnston

Beadle: Brenda Holm

Organist:

Martin Bohl

Soloist: Alan Waugh

Tech Team:

Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:

Hope Clothing

9:00—11:30AM

Thursday:

Hope Clothing

Noon— 2:00 PM

Thursday:

Food Bank

Noon—2:00 pm



This Sunday we welcome Rev. Cathy Stewart one last time as we wrap up our Journey of Discovery. This will give us a chance to show our appreciation to Cathy for her leadership throughout this process which began last October.

Join us on our Journey

Daily Prayers

Sunday, June 18 (National Indigenous Peoples Day Sunday) We pray for all those who are working to revitalize Indigenous language, culture, governance and spirituality. We give thanks for Indigenous leadership in the church and this country.

Monday, June 19 (National Indigenous Peoples Day) We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and all Indigenous people working for the rights and well-being of Indigenous peoples and communities.

Tuesday, June 20 On World Refugee Day, we remember all who've had to flee their homes and seek refuge in unfamiliar places and with people who are strangers. We pray for God's blessing on all those who welcome refugees with open arms of love.

Wednesday, June 21 We pray for refugees in times of unthinkable suffering, and we give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners providing relief to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Thursday, June 22 We give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba as they work tirelessly to meet people's physical and spiritual needs.

Friday, June 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges in Ontario.

Saturday, June 24 We give thanks for clubs in Haiti that teach children about food security and environmental protection with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

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Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, June 18—Mission Moment

Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) is an outreach ministry supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing that welcomes and embraces all people living in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba. WICM works towards healing and reconciliation and provides temporary housing, employment services, as well as programming for children and youth. The staff and volunteers of WICM work tirelessly to provide a safe, inclusive space that inspires lifelong learning and building social and personal well-being for all people in the community. WICM recently welcomed Beverly Burkard as its new executive director. Beverly is a welcome addition to WICM, bringing with her an extensive background working with charitable and non-profit organizations, including Sage Journey, Agape Table and Red Road Lodge.



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