

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## July 16th 2023

### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Worship.** We will meet in person at 10 am. You may also join us on Zoom or on Facebook Live. The zoom link will be posted on the website.



Prelude: Dearest Jesus at Your Word by Paul Manz

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Blessed are you, Lord our God!.

**P: Glorious is Your name in all the earth!**

L: This morning, we celebrate you, the author of all blessings and all that You have done for us.

**P: We come together in this place today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship You: all to sing Your praise, to hear Your word, and to receive Your joy and love.**

Hymn #78 This is the day

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be  
glad in it

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made

2. Open to us, open to us the gates of God, the gates of  
God,  
we will go in, we will go in and praise the Lord, and  
praise the Lord

Open to us the gates of God, we will go in and praise  
the Lord

Open to us, open to us the gates of God

3. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your  
name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks for your  
faithfulness, for your faithfulness.

You are our God; we will praise your name; we will give  
thanks for your faithfulness.

You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your  
name.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Blessed are You, our God, the rock of our faith!

Glorious is Your name in all the earth! We gather this  
morning to celebrate who You are, and to give thanks  
for all that You have done for us. We come as living  
sacrifices, to offer You our worship and joy and  
thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. So, we come  
together today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship  
You, to sing Your praise, to confess our mistakes, and  
to receive Your love and mercy. Be present among us  
as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your  
Word.

**P: Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our  
hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your joy  
and presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and  
walk in Your way.**

L: Your love and mercy guides our path, and you catch us  
when we stumbled this week when our joy wobbled  
and faltered

**P: When we fell short of your hope for us and we failed  
one another, a neighbour, a friend. When your joy  
was absent and our voice was quiet in the face of in  
justice. When we did not recognize your friendship  
and did not live in your love for the world.**

L: As his friends and followers Jesus assures us that we  
are forgiven.

**P: Assured of your forgiveness, help us to see with the eyes of faith, to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way. In Jesus name we pray - Amen.**

Responsive Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

**P: Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.**

L: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things."

**P: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.**

L: Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the desert.

**P: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

John 15: 9-17

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

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.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Take by Life and Let it Be by C. Malan

Sermon: Joy, Love, Friends

Prayers of a Joyful People

Hymn #655 Give me oil in my lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;  
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to  
the Servant King;  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let us sing!*

2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;  
give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;  
keep me praising till the break of day. *Refrain.*

3. Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;  
give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;  
keep me loving till the break of day. *Refrain.*

4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;  
give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;  
keep me serving till the break of day. *Refrain.*

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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: Nun Lasst Uns Gott Dem Herren by F.Zachau

Reverend Scott is on vacation until August 5. While he is away, the Reverend Mark Gaskin is available for emergency pastoral care.

Mark can be reached at (519) 504-5270 (cell) or at [mgaskin@rogers.com](mailto:mgaskin@rogers.com).

We are very pleased to welcome Reverend Darrell Clarke to the pulpit today. Thank you Darrell!

Our very special guest preacher next week will be the Reverend Karen Kovats.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of **Isobel Buchanan** this week and extend the sympathy and love of the congregation to her family at this time.



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

Greeter: Brenda Holm  
Organist: Martin Bohl

Beadle: Joanne Waugh  
Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

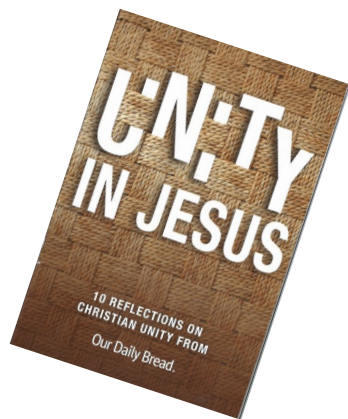
**This Week at St. Andrew's**

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30AM
Thursday:	Foodbank	Noon — 2:00 PM
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**Mission Moment – Sunday, July 16**

After their summer crop failed and they lost their agricultural loan, Moolo and his wife Babbri, who live in Pakistan, were in financial trouble and were going hungry. Given the gravity of their situation, they managed to receive food assistance from PWS&D's partner in their community. The amount received was sufficient to cover some other basic needs and meant that the elderly couple could use their small savings to provide daily medication to their son Chandan, who has epilepsy. With their remaining savings, Moolo hoped to open a small store, but his eyesight was deteriorating. Babbri stepped up and opened the store herself, remarking, "It is because of this aid that we are not under debt, or we would have sold our goats to pay for food. But we are not in debt and still have our goats!"





A special edition booklet from **Our Daily Bread** is now available: 10 Reflections on Christian Unity.

#### For families and children!

The paper bags have pencils, markers, tape and scissors inside. Please return the bags to this table at the end of worship.



Feel free to use the other resources on the table and take a snack!

### Daily Prayers

**Sunday, July 16** We pray for those who are anxiously awaiting the results of medical tests, that they may know God's love and peace.

**Monday, July 17** We pray for the generosity to share our blessings with those in need, and to give from all we have, trusting in the abundance of God's provision.

**Tuesday, July 18** We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she begins serving the PCC as Moderator of the General Assembly.

**Wednesday, July 19** We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long-term care homes as they provide comfort, offer hope and minister during moments that matter.

**Thursday, July 20** We pray for children and young adults at camp, and for the counsellors and camp staff who ensure their safety and provide guidance and care.

**Friday, July 21** We pray for ministers and lay preachers who seek to help us understand what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Saturday, July 22** We pray for the children and spouses of ministers.

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