

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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5th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.



Prelude: The Lord's my Shepherd by D. Hustad

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

P: We will offer our praise in songs of joy.

L: God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

P: We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

L: Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

P: We will give God glory now and always

Hymn #814 Morning has broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

2. Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!

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Prayer of Approach

L: Lord God, Loving God, how majestic is your name in all the earth. From north and south, from east and west, drawn by your majesty, we come to worship you. For the gift of this new day, fresh from your hand, we rejoice. For the renewal we know through friendship with Christ, we praise you. For the Spirit's energy, blessing us in each moment, we honour you. Lord God, Loving God, all of life is your gift, so give us glimpses of your splendour and love in this time of worship. Accept our praise offered in word and action, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

Laying down our burdens

Responsive Psalm 13

L: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

P: How long will you hide your face from me?

L: How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

P: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

L: Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

P: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

L: But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

P: I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Genesis 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show

you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Hymn #202 We lay our broken world

1. We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet, haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.
2. Here human life seems less than profit, might and pride, though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.
3. We bring our broken towns, our neighbours hurt and bruised; you show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.
4. We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn; then in your life and death we see that love must be

reborn.

5. We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.

6. O Spirit, on us breathe, with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust, and lift us up to you.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Air by G.F. Handel

Sermon: Did God really want to bind a child?

Prayers of the People

#800 A prayer for our nation

1. O Canada, our home and native land,
true patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the true north, strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower;
be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.

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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: Toccata by G.B. Martini

Other Lectionary Passages this Week:

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed?


The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."



For families and children!
A Family Table has been set up at the back of the sanctuary. Children are invited to use any of the resources and supplies on the table.
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!

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

Greeter
Organist:

Lynn Platt
Martin Bohl

Beadle: Vern Platt
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew's

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

Next Week's Sermon:

To what will I compare this generation?



Daily Prayers

Saturday, July 1 (Canada Day) We pray that the nation known as Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country and we pray for all those who form and keep our laws, that they carry out their responsibilities with wisdom, courage and mercy.

Sunday, July 2 We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partners in Malawi who are responding to the devastating effects of Cyclone Freddy by providing food assistance and other necessities to those impacted.

Monday, July 3 We pray for summer camp staff and volunteers who are fostering safe and fun environments for gender-diverse children.

Tuesday, July 4 We pray for people who travel over the summer months.

Wednesday, July 5 We pray for staff at the national office of the PCC as they work to fulfil the decisions of the General Assembly.

Thursday, July 6 We pray for the Rev. Joyce Yanishewski, clerk for the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Friday, July 7 We pray for the WMS as it envisions its future and makes decisions towards a new vision.

Saturday, July 8 We pray for worship leaders who have more time in the summer for recreation and reflection as they plan for the year ahead.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, July 2nd— Mission Moment

The earthquake experience is unlike any other," shared D, a 68-year-old retiree. When a powerful earthquake struck the border region between northern Syria and southeast Türkiye, the damage and loss were overwhelming. The earthquake caused widespread displacement, with many people fleeing their homes for fear of aftershocks and further collapses. At the time, the Syrian population was already profoundly impacted by the persisting war and the country's economic collapse. PWS&D responded through our partners to provide temporary shelter, much-needed

mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, hot meals and psychological support to affected families. In addition, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, our partners are providing monthly food rations to those most affected.



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