

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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6th 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.

To what will I
compare this
generation?



Prelude: Cantabile by J.H. Knecht

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

P: God offers compassion to all creation.

L: With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

P: With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

L: In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

P: We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name

Hymn #680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in thee may I be found,
still for thee my powers employ.

2. Let thy love my heart inflame,
keep thy fear before my sight,
be thy praise my highest aim,
be thy smile my chief delight.

3. Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
freely from thy fullness give,
as I run this earthly race,
may I prove it Christ to live

4. Thus, O God, an entrance give
to thy city, drawing nigh,
having known it Christ to live,
let me know it gain to die.

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Words: public domain

Prayer of Approach

L: You, O God, are overflowing with love, infinite in kindness, and incomparable in glory. There is no other like you in all our imagining. Your presence breaks into our lives in the beauty of summer and refreshes us like a gentle breeze breath on a still day. You renew us to meet life's changes and challenges. In this time of worship, we offer thanks in our prayers, praise from our hearts, and honor with our lives, to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

Laying down our burdens

Responsive Psalm 150

L: Praise the LORD!

P: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

P: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

P: Praise the LORD!

1 Samuel 16:14-23, 18:10-11

¹⁴ Now the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. ¹⁵ And Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you." ¹⁶ Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better." ¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me." ¹⁸ One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the LORD is with him." ¹⁹ So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." ²⁰ Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid and sent them by his son David to Saul. ²¹ And David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²² Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight." ²³ And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand, ¹¹ and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Hymn #304 We praise you, Creator

1. We praise you, Creator, in earth, sea and sky,
our Ruler, our Maker, our Sovereign most high.
Each new generation lifts voices in praise:
how good your creation, how gracious your ways!
2. Each springtime, the blossoms bloom fragrant once
more;
each summer, each autumn brings forth its rich store.
With witness compelling our praise and our prayer,
creation is telling of your faithful care.
3. Your wondrous works teach us, Creator, to trace
the limitless reaches of your love and grace.
Your grace dwells among us, your love goes before;
from eldest to youngest, we praise and adore.

Music: Johann Michael Haydn Words: translation © Andrew Donaldson 1995

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lord the light of your love is shining

Sermon: To What Will I Compare This Generation?

Prayers of the People

Hymn #410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the
sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of
doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you; earth and
heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken
praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you
joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever
blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy
rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour, all are yours who live in
love.

Teach us how to love our neighbour; lift us to your joy above.

4. Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

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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 danket alle Gott by G. Kaufmann

Reverend Scott will be on vacation for three weeks starting this coming Saturday, July 15. 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

Our special guest preacher next Sunday will be the Reverend Darrell Clarke.

Images for today's sermon sourced from www.freebibleimages.org.



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

Greeter: Sylvia Brooks
Worship Assistant: Allison Cann
Organist: Martin Bohl

Beadle: Carol Johnston
Soloist: Jane Bennett
Tech Team: Dylan Smith and Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30AM
Thursday:	Foodbank	Noon — 2:00 PM
Thursday:	Lunch on Queen	Noon — 1:45 PM
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM

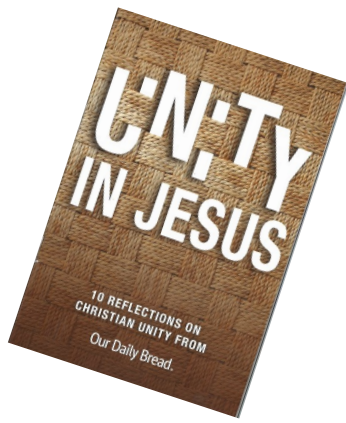


Way to Go, Ella!

Glimmer Athletics is a rhythmic gymnastics group who rent space here at St. Andrew's for their training programs. Recently **Ella**, one of their National Level young athletes, **won First Place in Canada** and was invited to compete internationally in Italy where **she came in Third Place World-Wide, winning a Bronze Medal!**

Congratulations Ella, from all of us at St. Andrew's!

GLIMMER



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

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, July 9 We pray for farmers in Guatemala as they receive support from PWS&D to train local Indigenous women to establish small dairy businesses and vegetable gardens. As a result, the women see great improvements in their health and nutrition.

Monday, July 10 We pray for the joyful rejuvenation of those who are on vacation. "He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." (Psalm 23:2-3)

Tuesday, July 11 We pray for all who are sensing a call to ministry. May they be affirmed and supported as they seek God's guidance.

Wednesday, July 12 We pray for young adults participating in the Journey for Justice program (July 8-16) as they experience the daily life of Palestinian youth and listen to their stories.

Thursday, July 13 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han Ca.

Friday, July 14 We give thanks for the gift of music and for the summer music festivals that bring people together in celebration and harmony.

Saturday, July 15 We pray for the children of ministers who are moving to new congregations. May they find friends and a comfortable sense of belonging as they adjust to their new environment.

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 9

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization runs the popular "Twinning Program" that matches newly arrived refugee women with women living in Montreal. Through regular meetings and group activities, the "twins" create bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program helps to reduce isolation and overcome barriers that the women face in their day-to-day lives. Who are the people in your community that could benefit from having someone come alongside them in a supportive and empowering way?



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