

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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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: Come Thou Forth by J.Wyeth

Our guest preacher today is **Reverend Cathy Stewart**

Welcome.

Call to Worship

L: O Lord, open our lips

P: and our mouths will praise you

L: "Open your mouths wide," says the Lord

P: "and I will fill them".

L: Come let us taste

P: and see that the Lord is good.

L: Let us worship God.

Hymn 425: We praise You O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing
2. We worship you; God ever-faithful, we bless *you*;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you
have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your
blessing; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be
praise.

Words: public domain

Prayer of Approach .

Responsive Psalm 119: 129-136

L: Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**P: The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

L: With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

**P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom
towards those who love your name**

L: Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

**P: Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

L: Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

**P: My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

Romans 8: 26 – 39 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[g] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[r] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit ^[s] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ^[t] ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good^[u] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ^[v] ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to

condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.^[w] ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-53 ³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[d] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every ind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.'⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

Hymn 474 The Love of God Comes Close

1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;

the love of God is here to stay.

2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.
3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.
4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.
5. The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

John 15: 9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Kyrie

by Hessenberg

Sermon: Any Day, Any Word, Any Small Thing

Prayers of the People

Hymn 328: This is My Father's World

Words by M.Babcock Music: Traditional

1. This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought;
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
God's hands the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Maker's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Maker's world;
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass God's footsteps pass,
God speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Saviour's world;
O let me not forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Saviour's world;
the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

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.

Postlude: Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir by G. kauffmann

Martin Bohl

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

Greeter: Carol Johnston
Organist: Martin Bohl

Beadle: Sylvia Brooks
Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Daily Prayers

Sunday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for the millions of people around the world who are victims of human trafficking.

Monday, July 31 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as staff work to provide a healthy community for children, youth and families – many of whom have suffered inter-generational trauma and systemic injustices from Residential Schools.

Tuesday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) We pray for those who fight systemic racism.

Wednesday, August 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at The Well Church (Mississauga) and we give thanks for their dynamic mission and ministry.

Thursday, August 3 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia.

Friday, August 4 We pray for ministers and church workers who are taking much needed vacations. May they be refreshed and re-energized.

Saturday, August 5 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre, as they open the doors daily to those in need of a place of safety, warmth and nourishment

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Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

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.

We were very pleased to welcome Reverend Cathy Stewart to the pulpit today. Thank you Cathy!

Save the Date

The **Women's Retreat** will be held at **Crieff Hills Retreat Centre** on **November 10—12, 2023**. For further information, contact **Sylvia Brooks** (519/260-0834) or contact Crieff Hills directly by email at: info@crieffhills.com.

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, July 30

Nadhifa, a single mother of seven in Somalia, had to relocate with her two oldest daughters and one-year-old son, Hamza, to a camp for internally displaced people after the drought caused her to lose her livelihood. She left her other four children behind with relatives, fearing for their survival. Nadhifa and her three children journeyed to the Dollow district to seek humanitarian assistance. During screening at the camp, Hamza was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition. With the support of PWS&D, Hamza received treatment and recovered after a few weeks. In addition, Nadhifa participated in the infant and young child feeding community information session, where she gained valuable nutrition knowledge. "I feel relieved that my son's health has improved, and I can now search for work to provide food for my children," she shared.



This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday: Hope Clothing
Thursday: Hope Clothing

9:00 — 11:30AM
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