

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

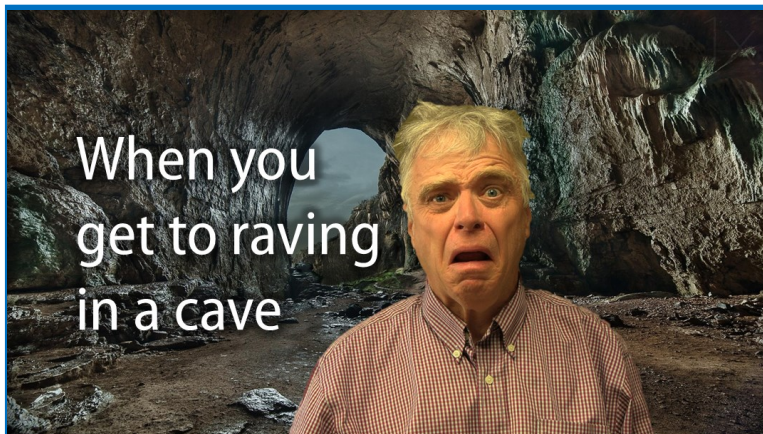
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11th Sunday after Pentecost

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



Prelude: Nearer Still Nearer by L. Morris

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord!

P: We will tell the world what God has done.

L: Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

P: We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

L: Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

P: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

Hymn #451 Dear Father, Lord of humankind

1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee

the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.

4. With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall
as fell thy manna down.

5. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Surprising and mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect it, calling us out of our routines and plans, inviting us to follow Christ into new opportunities. We praise you for the many ways you come to us. In moments of fear, you speak with words of reassurance. In moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to hold. In moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm. You are faithful to us through everything life can bring. And so we place our trust in you this day and every day, and honour you as our Redeemer and Saviour, in the name of Christ, our Lord and friend. Amen.

Laying down our burdens

Responsive Psalm 85:8-13

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will

speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

P: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

P: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

P: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Hymn #339 Who made the earth and the heaven

1. Who made the earth and the heaven? — Mighty hands!

Who made the man and the woman? — Awesome hands!

Who made the tree and the garden? — Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

2. Who made the stars and the children? — Mighty hands!

Who made the stream and the salmon? — Awesome hands!

Who made the lamb and the lion? — Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

3. Who made the swan and the swallow? — Mighty hands!

Who made the wind and the willow? — Awesome hands!

Who makes today and tomorrow? — Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

4. Who sent the storm and the thunder?—Mighty hands!

Who sent the flood and the fire?—Awesome hands!

Who sent the dove and the rainbow?—Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

5. Who loves the man and the woman?—Mighty hands!

Who sent the Lamb and the Lion?—Awesome hands!

Who makes a new earth and heaven?—Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

6. You've got the whole world —Mighty God!

You've got the whole world —Awesome God!

You've got the whole world —Loving God!

You've got the whole world in your hands!

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Agnus Dei by H. Poppen

Sermon: When you get to raving in a cave

Prayers of the People

Hymn #332 O Lord my God! / How great thou art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain: then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,

How great thou art!; how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain*

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin, *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *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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Other Lectionary readings this week:

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Greeter: Allison & Andy Cann
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh, Sylvia Brooks
Beadle: Elaine McLean
Organist: Martin Bohl

This Week at St. Andrew's

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

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, August 13 We pray for Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) providing protective presence to Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories. Over 1,800 volunteers from 25 countries have served as EAs since 2002.

Monday, August 14 We pray for people who are unhoused. May governments, faith communities and our church work to end suffering for those who are without homes and support.

Tuesday, August 15 We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the safety, dignity and well-being of LGBTQI+ people.

Wednesday, August 16 We give thanks for summer opportunities to relax, enjoy nature and have extended times with family and friends.

Thursday, August 17 We pray for Leading with Care committees as they ensure that the ministries and buildings of the church are safe places for all.

Friday, August 18 We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (Canadian Council of Churches), who are supporting church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

Saturday, August 19 On **World Humanitarian Day**, we pray for PWS&D partners who dedicate their lives to helping those in need in the most difficult circumstances. We pray for wisdom, courage and resources for them to continue their good work.

Mission Moment – Sunday, August 13

Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories know that Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) don't have much power to stop the occupation. But they are grateful for the protective presence of EAs at checkpoints, refugee camps, schools and remote villages where shepherds watch their flocks. In response to an appeal from local church leaders, the World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Jeanie Lee recently served three months in Bethlehem, witnessing life under occupation, monitoring human rights violations, and listening to stories of Palestinians to share with Canadians upon her return.



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Next Week's Sermon:

The Cry
Heard in
all Egypt

Wah!

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