

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

August 6 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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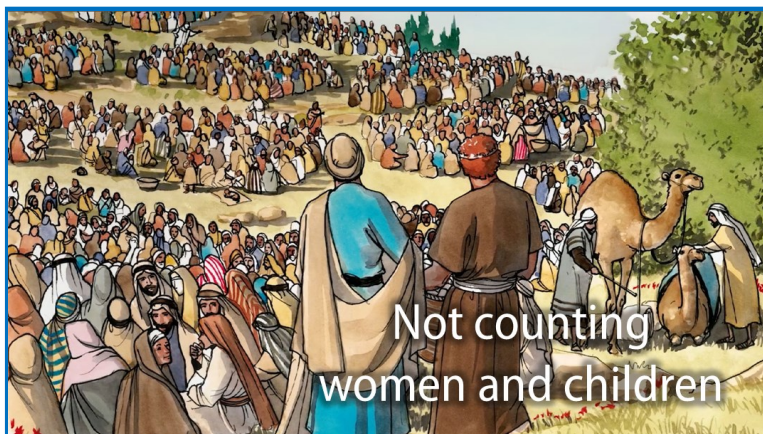
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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

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



Not counting
women and children

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

P: Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.

L: God is near to all who call out in truth.

P: God satisfies every living thing.

L: God watches over all who offer love and praise,

P: So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Hymn #374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease—
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Mysterious and merciful God, we praise you for all the ways you offer us abundant life. When the sun rises and the earth blooms around us, we are thankful for your gift of a new day. When evening falls and we find ourselves in a lonely place, we count on your presence for comfort. For the times you show us the way and give us guidance, we praise you. For the healing you offer when we are broken and hurting, we rejoice. Your grace satisfies us in every situation, and so we worship you for you are the Source of life and love, comfort and courage day by day by day. Receive our prayers and praise, O God, this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

Laying down our burdens

Responsive Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

P: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The LORD is good to all,

P: and his compassion is over all that he has made.

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

L: The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his

doings.

P: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

L: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Video reading: Matthew 14:13-21, Read by Joni

Hymn #475 I am the church! You are the church!

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people. *Refrain*
2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages,
too, from all times and places. *Refrain*
3. Sometimes the church is marching;
sometimes it's bravely burning;
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;
always it's learning. *Refrain*
4. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying: *Refrain*
5. At Pentecost some people received
the Holy Spirit and told the Good News
through the world to all
who would hear it. *Refrain*

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory

Martin Bohl

Sermon: Not Counting the Women and Children

Prayers of the People

Hymn #479 The church's one foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might
ever be

his living servant people, by his own death set free.

2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the
earth,
our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us
oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up,
"How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of
song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at
rest.

5. We now on earth have union with God the Three-in-
One,
and share, through faith, communion with those whose
rest is won

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee.

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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

Other Lectionary readings this week:

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not

bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Next Week's Sermon:

When you
get to raving
in a cave



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

Greeter: Joanne Waugh
Organist: Martin Bohl
Soloist: Jane Bennett

Beadle: Brenda Holm
Tech Team: 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

A Little Library Update



As many of you know our Little Library was vandalized a couple of weeks ago. The door was ripped off and is missing and the roof is damaged.

We have had many generous offers to help fix it up! Our St. Andrew's and Hespeler communities are amazing. Please be patient with us as we collaborate with a couple of builders to rebuild our Little Library. It may take a few weeks to get it back up and running. Thank you, to everyone, who took the time to post, to talk to us about how they miss the Little Library and to all those who have offered to help rebuild!

Daily Prayers

Sunday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima) We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

Monday, August 7 We give thanks for the Presbyterian Church Archives as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, continuing to ensure that the documentary evidence of the life and work of the church is preserved and accessible to all.

Tuesday, August 8 We give thanks for those who have been appointed by the 2023 General Assembly to serve on its standing committees. Grant them creativity and wisdom as they prepare to serve in the coming year.

Wednesday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We pray that the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is upheld in all places so that all Indigenous peoples around the world may thrive.

Thursday, August 10 We give thanks for the contributions of temporary migrant agricultural workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will enact policies that better protect the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families and develop fair pathways to Canadian citizenship.

Friday, August 11 We pray for theological students discerning a call, may the Lord of the Harvest send forth labourers.

Saturday, August 12 We pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and the people it serves through prayer, counselling, food, clothing and a weekly worship Circle.

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**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, August 6

In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl

Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. "After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day," she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.



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