

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

*We welcome our guest preacher, the Rev. Darrell Clarke*

Prelude: **Title**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

**P: We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

L: Let your hearts be joyful!

**P: We will seek God's presence continually.**

L: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**P: We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!**

Hymn #708 When Israel was in Egypt's land

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go,  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.

*Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh: let my people go.*

2. The Lord told Moses what to do,  
let my people go,  
to lead the Hebrew children through,  
let my people go. *Refrain:*

3. As Israel stood by the waterside,  
let my people go,  
at God's command it did divide,  
let my people go. *Refrain:*

4. When they had reached the other shore,  
let my people go,  
they let the song of triumph soar,  
let my people go. *Refrain:*

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go,  
and let us all in Christ be free,

let my people go. *Refrain:*

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Prayer of Approach

L: Holy, Mysterious, Eternal and Ever-loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the beginning and end of all things. In your depth, we find mystery. In your breadth, we know your tender embrace. We can only wonder at your love for us, so small a part of your whole creation are we. Yet in Jesus Christ we meet your generous grace. In the Holy Spirit, you move with us to inspire our action and fill us with hope. Our thoughts cannot exhaust your wisdom, nor can our hearts fathom your mercy. And so we worship you in humble praise, Holy God, ever Three and ever One, now and always. Amen.

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

L: O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;

**P: make known his deeds among the peoples.**

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**P: tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: Glory in his holy name;

**P: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

L: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**P: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

L: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

**P: And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily**

**with his servants.**

L: He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

**P: Praise the LORD!**

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

Hymn #510 Deep in the shadows of the past

1. Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands  
some nomads traveled with their God across the desert sands.

The dawning hope of humankind by them was sensed  
and shown:

a promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.

2. While others bowed to changeless gods, they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name, "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";  
and by their tents around their fires, in story, song and law,  
they praised, remembered, handed on a past that  
promised more.

3. From Exodus to Pentecost the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past, recorded what they knew,  
or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise,  
recovered, kindled and expressed new hope for  
changing days.

4. For all the writings that survived, for leaders long ago,  
who sifted, copied and preserved the Bible that we know,  
give thanks, and find its story yet our promise, strength  
and call,  
the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory:

Sermon: Here I am

Prayers of the People People

Hymn #592 I, the Lord of sea and sky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness  
bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night;*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them: they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *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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Postlude: **Title**

Other Lectionary Readings this Week:

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is

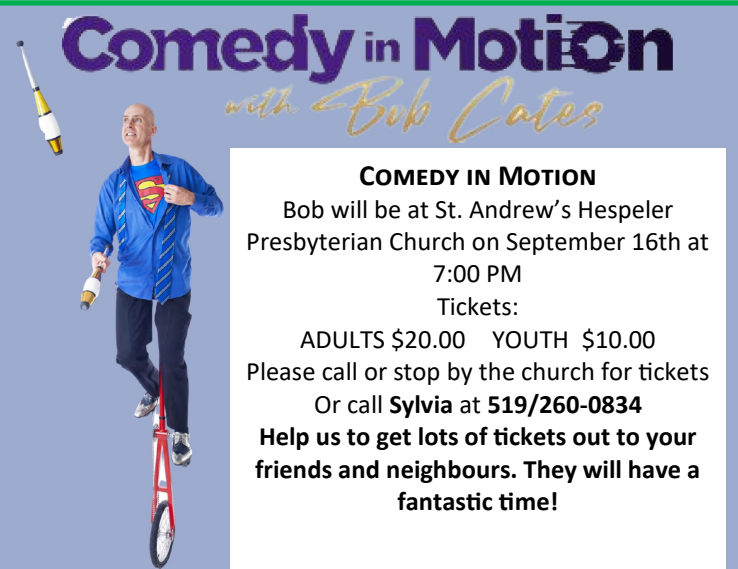
written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



**Comedy in Motion**  
with *Bob Cates*

**COMEDY IN MOTION**  
Bob will be at St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church on September 16th at  
7:00 PM  
Tickets:  
ADULTS \$20.00 YOUTH \$10.00  
Please call or stop by the church for tickets  
Or call **Sylvia** at **519/260-0834**  
**Help us to get lots of tickets out to your  
friends and neighbours. They will have a  
fantastic time!**

### Save the Date

New Hope Friends Group are would like to hold a retreat Nov 10-12 at Crieff Hills. Call Sylvia for more information.

### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, August 27** We give thanks for the ministry and mission of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, and pray that their acts of kindness and care continue to be a blessing to their neighbours.

**Monday, August 28** We pray for the candidates for ministry and for the guidance counsellors who will spend time engaged in dialogue about calling and discernment during the Guidance Conference.

**Tuesday, August 29** We pray for our university and college students who are preparing for studies away from home. Remember in particular first year students who are leaving home for the first time.

**Wednesday, August 30** We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine and Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort.

**Thursday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent)** Recognizing the violent history of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit's wisdom to end ongoing anti-Black racism.

**Friday, September 1** We pray for transformation in congregations that will lead God's people to share love and healing in their communities through concrete acts of friendship and kindness.

**Saturday, September 2** We pray for the Rev. Margaret Mullin and the people who gather at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg.

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Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

### MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, August 27

St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, has a long history of responding to the gospel of God's love in Christ through acts of kindness and care for their neighbours. One of the many ways that they live out this mission is through a knitting ministry that produces hundreds of hats as well as mitts and booties for newborns at the local hospital. And the ministry is growing! Another church has recently joined in their mission, allowing them to expand and provide baby sweaters, slippers and booties to several groups that serve the tiniest members of the community. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support St. Matthew's in its ministry.



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