

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church October 1st, 2023 World Communion Sunday

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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. This will be a communion service. If you worship remotely, please prepare bread and wine so that you can join us.



Prelude: When God is near by
A. H. Hackley

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The banqueting table is
prepared and God calls us
to the feast.

**P: We have come from east
and west, from north and
south, to sit at Christ's
table.**

L: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine
wine.

**P: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our
journey.**

L: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

P: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good.

Hymn #471 We are one in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand
in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in
hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in
our land,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side
by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by
side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each
one's pride,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things
come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we see that you
are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and
situations. You have shown us the true face of power
in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to
touch desperate lives. We praise you for your love that
works for reconciliation among neighbours and nations
in this divided world. May we see the face of Jesus as
we break bread at his table. Renew our hope by the
gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live
to praise you with the whole Church that bears Jesus'
name. Amen.

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

L: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

P: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

L: I will open my mouth in a parable;

P: I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

L: We will not hide them from their children;

P: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.

L: In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

P: He divided the sea and let them pass through it and made the waters stand like a heap.

L: In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light.

P: He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Video Reading: Exodus 17:1-7, Read by Donald

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

Hymn #526 Lift up your hearts / Sing Alleluia

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,

lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

2. In Christ the world has been redeemed;

in Christ the world has been redeemed.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

in Christ the world has been redeemed.

3. His resurrection sets us free;

his resurrection sets us free.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

his resurrection sets us free.

4. Therefore, we celebrate the feast;

therefore, we celebrate the feast.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

therefore, we celebrate the feast.

5. Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah,

sing hallelujah to the Lord!

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Near to the Heart of God by C. McAfee

Sermon: Two Men Went To Church

Communion Hymn #534 All who hunger, gather gladly

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers,

seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered

in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;

Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.

Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table

live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Communion

Invitation

#539 The Apostles' Creed

564 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: ...we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: ...proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the People

Hymn #549 For the bread which you have broken

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

Other Lectionary Readings this Week:

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,

2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by the call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. With the holy ones before you, feasting on your grace outpoured,
may the church now waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where now you send us, may your kingdom come, O Lord.

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Benediction

Choral Response

755 Go ye, go ye into the world

1. Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

2. Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

3. Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all believers.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

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Postlude: Postlude by Henry Coleman

taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

We need your help! We are all set to begin offering a wonderful Sunday morning Children's Ministry (Sunday School) and we have a team of 4 awesome leaders. **But** we need an assistant each week! If we don't have assistants, we will not be able to offer Sunday school to our children. Our leaders are prepared to lead this time but an assistant will be needed (as an extra set of eyes) to keep our children safe and to help where needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to make those very important connections with our children and families. If you can help out even for one week, please speak with Scott or Joni. On any given week, if we don't have an assistant, Scott will ask if someone would be willing to be an assistant before the children leave the sanctuary. If no one steps forward, the children will have to remain in the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry.

Our '**Lunch on Queen**' team needs a break! This team will be taking a break in January, February and March. Lunch is served on the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you can help with one lunch that would be great! What is required? Lunch could be a pot of soup and a bun. Could you make a pot of soup, purchase some buns, come to cook, to serve or to clean up? Currently we have funds to purchase food supplies. If you think this might appeal to you or if you'd like more information, please contact Karen Nixon. (knixon4is@gmail.com)

Hope Clothing will be closed for shopping from October 2 - 13. This will give us time to clean and organize the room as well as switch over the clothing to fall/winter. Donations will still be accepted throughout this time. We will have a grand reopening on Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 am - noon. You might even find a few surprises waiting for you at our grand reopening!



Help us celebrate our Anniversary Weekend! On **Sunday, October 29**, we welcome you to join us for a barbeque after worship.

If you are able to bring a salad, dessert or condiments for the burgers that would be greatly appreciated!

If you can help out with set up, barbequing or clean up please speak to an elder: Steve, Donald, Patrice, Jean, Nancy, Dean or Vern.



Help is also needed for the **lunch on October 29th**.

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

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| Worship Assistant: | Allison Cann |
| Greeter : | Sylvia Brooks |
| Beadle: | Carol Johnston |
| Tech Team: | Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith |
| Sunday School: | Dean Davidson |

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Sunday) We give thanks for the global Christian community and all those who gather around the Lord’s Table on this World Communion Sunday.

Monday, October 2 We give thanks for the staff and faculty of our theological schools. We pray that God will nurture grace, wisdom and energy in them as they seek to follow God’s leading in times of enormous change and challenge.

Tuesday, October 3 We pray for those who serve partner churches outside of Canada.

Wednesday, October 4 (Sisters in Spirit) We pray for Indigenous girls and women who have faced terrible levels of violence and for the families and friends seeking justice for murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

Thursday, October 5 We pray for the Rev. Harry Currie, serving as synod clerk for Alberta and the Northwest.

Friday, October 6 We pray for ministers and other professional church workers who are on long term disability.

Saturday, October 7 We pray for Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, as it provides an urban “home” for elders and young people who have endured the residential school system or have aged out of the child welfare system.

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Mission Moment: October 1

Hummingbird Ministries, one of the Indigenous ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is committed to bringing peace and healing to Indigenous families living in BC’s lower mainland. Led by The Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, the ministry helps to restore hope by offering regular healing circles, working with the community in art and celebration, and providing educational and healing workshops, Bible studies, children’s art and music programs. The ministry has also recently embarked on a journey to gather the wisdom and teachings of Indigenous elders through a series of interviews, reviving and preserving their treasured stories for generations to come.



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