

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church September 24th, 2023 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.



The Parable of the Next Day in the Vineyard

Prelude: Chant by Gordon Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**P: We will call on God's name and make known
God's wonderful works.**

L: Seek the Lord continually.

**P: We will watch and listen for signs of God's
grace.**

L: Together let us worship God.

**P: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise
God's holy name.**

Hymn #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of all creation, you open the world around us and fill it with creatures of your love and purpose. The wonder of each creature declares your praise – the mountains state your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity; the oceans your power and the skies your grandeur. Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence. And what do we declare about you in our lives? We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy; and our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship, but in all our waking and our working. May we live your praise and promise through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

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 he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

P: He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.

L: So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

P: He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

Video Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 Read by Allison

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no

wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go

1. One more step along the world I go.

One more step along the world I go.

From the old things to the new

keep me traveling along with you.

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*

2. Round the corners of the world I turn.

More and more about the world I learn.

All the new things that I see

you'll be looking at along with me. *Refrain*

3. As I travel through the bad and good

keep me traveling the way I should.

Where I see no way to go,

you'll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough.

Keep me loving though the world is tough.

Leap and sing in all I do.

Keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

5. You are older than the world can be.

You are younger than the life in me.

Ever old and ever new,

keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Andante by E. Batiste

Sermon: The Parable of the Next Day In The Vineyard

Prayers of the People

Hymn #769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour far outshine
the suns of space,

deign to make us your co-workers in the kingdom of
your grace;

use us to fulfil your purpose in the gift of Christ your
Son:

Abba, as in highest heaven so on earth your will be
done.

2. By the faithfulness of workers serving you in every field;
by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed;
by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suffering won:
Abba, as in highest heaven so on earth your will be done.

3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet might humbly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal;
lift all nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun:
Abba, as in highest heaven so on earth your will be done.

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus bringing peace to all, and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one:
Abba, as in highest heaven so on earth your will be done.

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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: Allein Gott in der Hoeh sei Ehr by J. G. Walther



Other Lectionary Readings this Week:

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Next Week's Sermon:



Two Men went to Church

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Brenda Holm and her family upon the recent death of her husband, Harry.

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

Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh
Greeter : Allison Cann
Beadle: Carol Johnston
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter and Dylan Smith
Sunday School: Lori Marsh

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00 — 11:30AM
Thursday: Food Bank Noon—2:00 PM
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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 24 On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, September 25 We thank God for people who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Tuesday, September 26 We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Yoichi Nakae, Moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), as he concludes his two-year term.

Wednesday, September 27 We pray for presbytery student committees listening for God's voice with humility, love, tenderness and trust in the continual illumination of the Holy Spirit as they journey with and support candidates for ministry.

Thursday, September 28 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Friday, September 29 We pray that the Rev. Mary Fontaine feels a strong sense of God's care and the church's support in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Saturday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day) We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, September 24

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across



Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.



This Sunday, we begin work on one of the decisions we made in our “Join us on the Journey” process. We will start to make a “Welcome Video” for our congregation. It will be lighthearted and fun. We will tape some of the worship portions of the video this week.

We will explain what we are doing during the announcement.

To help us create the “script” for the video, could you please take a few moments to answer the question below. Rip this page off and return it at the back of the sanctuary. In weeks to come, we will be looking for some people to record these as soundbites to accompany the video.

For me, St. Andrew’s Hespeler this is what makes St. Andrew’s Hespeler so special:

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