

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday  
March 15, 2015



Elijah, on the top of Mount Carmel, announced the impending rain before any single cloud in the sky appear (I Kings XVIII, 41-46)

Marc Chagall, 1956.

Musée national Message Biblique Marc Chagall,  
Nice, France

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments including Fair Trade Coffee and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service and consider signing our visitors' pew cards or guest book by the Princess Street doors. Peggy Sue Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher.

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*If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it? For unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.*

### Greetings & Announcements

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Luke 18:1-8

**Anthem** Is Not His Word Like A Fire? (from "Elijah")

Mendelssohn

*Is not His word like a fire: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces? For God is angry, angry with the wicked every day: and if the wicked turn not, the Lord will whet His sword; and He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

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Mendelssohn

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### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Sonata No. 2, 3rd movement Mendelssohn

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

## **Responsive Psalm 40 Selected Verses**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
**Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**  
**Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe for ever.**  
For evils have encompassed me  
without number;  
**my iniquities have overtaken me,  
until I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.**

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;  
**O Lord, make haste to help me.**  
Let all those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
**let those be turned back and brought to dishonour  
who desire my hurt.**

But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
**may those who love your salvation  
say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'**  
As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
**You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God.**

## **Scripture Readings**

### **1 Kings 18:41-45**

Elijah said to Ahab, 'Go up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of rushing rain.' So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. He said to his servant, 'Go up now, look towards the sea.' He went up and looked, and said, 'There is nothing.' Then he said, 'Go again seven times.' At the seventh time he said, 'Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea.' Then he said, 'Go and say to Ahab, "Harness your chariot and go down before the rain stops you." ' In a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind; there was heavy rain. Ahab rode off and went to Jezreel.

### **Luke 18:1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Notes from the Director of Music**

Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was born at Hamburg in 1809. His grandfather, Moses Mendelssohn was a famous philosopher and his father a successful banker. His father converted to Christianity and added the name Bartholdy to the family name. Felix was baptized in the Reformed church in Germany. Perhaps it was the family's roots in Judaism that helped motivate the writing of his

first oratorio “St. Paul” and after a long struggle with libretto, his oratorio “Elijah” in 1846, a year before his death. Mendelssohn is one of the first great composers from the Romantic era, being in the same league as Schumann and Chopin. We owe much to him, not as just a composer of great music, but for his promotion of the music of J.S. Bach, whose music had been dismissed as being old-fashioned and had been largely forgotten.

Mendelssohn had worked on “Elijah” for at least ten years, having dealt with several different librettists. Correspondence between himself and librettists both in England and in Germany, indicate that Mendelssohn was always arguing about the use of more drama in the work. We can certainly hear lots of drama when Elijah sings the aria “Is not his word like a fire?” We are happy to have with us today Christopher Hall who sings this intense part of the oratorio as today’s **Anthem**. Toward the end of the oratorio is a beautiful tenor aria “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm.” This calming and reassuring music is in direct contrast to the music of the Anthem, and it is played as an organ solo during the **Offertory**.

Mendelssohn was a child prodigy and a man of many talents. As part of his appreciation of Bach, he played the organ brilliantly and composed a set of six sonatas for organ, much of that music being inspired by Bach. Three movements from his second organ sonata are presented as today’s **Prelude** and **Postlude**.

### **Prayer**

May it come soon  
to the hungry  
to the weeping  
to those who thirst for your justice,  
to those who have waited centuries  
for a truly human life.  
Grant us the patience  
to smooth the way  
on which your Kingdom comes to us.  
Grant us hope  
that we may not weary  
in proclaiming and working for it,  
despite so many conflicts,  
threats and shortcomings.  
Grant us a clear vision  
that in the hour of our history  
we may see the horizon,

and know the way  
on which your Kingdom comes to us.

*A prayer from Nicaragua*

### **Today...**

#### **Potluck Luncheon**

Be sure to linger after the service and enjoy a congregational pot-luck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall. Good food, good company!

#### **Refugee Sponsorship**

For long we have witnessed the trauma of the plight of the Syrian people. Millions have been displaced from their homes, and their homeland. Now we have an opportunity to respond locally. Several downtown churches (Chalmers and Sydenham United and St. Mark’s Lutheran) are planning to sponsor an extended Syrian family to settle in Kingston, which would involve a significant commitment in terms of volunteer time and finances (up to \$80,000). St. Andrew's has been invited to join this partnership, and the elders would like to receive some gauge of congregational support for such a commitment. Please pick up a sheet of paper and write 'for' or 'against' along with your name, and place it in the voting box at the back of the sanctuary.

#### **Sanctuary Access**

As announced at the AGM, the Session is planning to shorten a set of pews near the handicapped access door off Princess St., to allow for better access by wheelchairs and the occasional storage of the grand piano. Please refer to the marker on the pews, and if you have any concerns, address them to the Clerk of Session by April 8th.

#### **New Elders Update**

Last week after the AGM a sealed envelope containing voting ballots for elders and trustees was belatedly handed to me as Clerk of Session. When these ballots were counted and added to the previous ones, the results were brought to the Session meeting on March 9th. The elders took this opportunity to accept four new elders. In addition to the new trustees elected: (Joan Barr-Knox and Ralph Kendall), the new elders elected by the membership of St. Andrew's are: Elaine Coderre, Ada Mallory, Alberta Saunders and Dennis Tysick.

These four elders- elect will be ordained on May 3rd at the Sunday service.

The Session wishes to thank the members for their diligent interest in this procedure to elect new elders and trustees. A total of 144 votes were recorded.  
*Donna Delacretaz*

### **Flower Ministry**

Would you be willing to provide flowers for our worship? Please speak to Wendy Worling, [w.worling@sympatico.ca](mailto:w.worling@sympatico.ca)

Would you like to take some flowers to share with a neighbour or fellow congregational member? Please speak to Elaine Coderre, [patlain73@hotmail.com](mailto:patlain73@hotmail.com)

### **Courtesy Parking**

Due to the limited amount of parking available at the Church, Session and the Property & Maintenance Committee would like to request that the parking lot be reserved on Sundays for members and guests that have trouble walking longer distances. With thanks.

*Greg Matthews, Chair of Property and Maintenance*

### **Easter Lilies**

The pastoral visitation team would like to invite members of the congregation to contribute towards the cost of lilies - these would be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday morning and then delivered to home-bound members through the city, sharing some of the joy of the Resurrection Morn. Words of dedication, either in thanksgiving or in memory, can also be contributed, and will be printed in the Order of Service that day. Please contact Elaine Coderre at 613-389-4813 or [patlain73@hotmail.com](mailto:patlain73@hotmail.com) by Sunday March 29.

### **This Week...**

#### **Women's Missionary Society**

The WMS will meet on Monday, March 16th, at 1:30 pm in St. Andrew's Hall. Our guest speaker will be Lucie Howell, Canadian Secretary for Mustard Seed Mission, which our group has been supporting for many years. She will bring us up-to-date on the Mission's work in Indonesia and other recent developments. Everyone at St. Andrew's is urged to attend.

### **Tuesday Evening Studies**

Our winter series continues Tuesday evenings through March. The theme selected is 'Resurrection' based on a DVD presentation by renowned New Testament scholar N.T. Wright. No previous knowledge necessary, just a desire to listen and learn. A great opportunity to hear various perspectives.

### **Advance Notice...**

#### **Reception of New Members**

With joy, the congregation of St. Andrew's will receive new members on Sunday, April 19. If you feel that this might be a people with whom you can grow in Christian faith, community and service, please speak to our Clerk of Session (Donna Delacretaz) or Minister. A brief time of orientation will be offered after the service on March 22- let us know so we can prepare some sandwiches.

### **Also...**

#### **Geneva House**

An end of year banquet is being held on Friday, March 27, 6 p.m. hosted by Bay Park Baptist. If you would like to join us in celebration of this year of ministry, space is limited, so don't delay! Please confirm with [emily.burnell@hotmail.com](mailto:emily.burnell@hotmail.com)

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