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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
June 28, 2015



By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches ...

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live ...
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord. (Psalm 104)

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, BBQ 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. Our Church School resumes in September, but younger children may remain with Peggy Sue Reynolds our certified caregiver in the nursery held just off St Andrew's Hall (Polson Davis Room).

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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

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:20-23

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Psalms 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Selah

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

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

Although the bell tower still has some minor repairs and cleaning yet to do, I couldn't resist playing the bells for today's outdoor service. Usually, when one hears recordings made of bells from a tower, there are the inevitable sounds of birds in the background, for the birds provide that constant symphonic back-up for all outdoor summer activities. How we miss them in the cold winter months. The orchestral instrument often used to simulate bird calls is usually the flute, but the recorder also works well. We are happy to have with us today, Lisa Szeker-Madden, the recorder player from St. Andrew's Baroque Ensemble, who will play some music to remind us of the birds. The **Offertory** is by the Dutch musician, Jacob van Eyck (1590-1657), who was a virtuoso organist, recorder player and coincidentally an expert player and tuner of bells.

The **Introit** has had an interesting transformation from a secular to a sacred text by way of a different language. It began as a pop tune by the a cappella group "Pentatonix". This talented and award-winning Texas-based group of five sings without the assistance of instruments, providing a

beautiful blend in often very close harmony. Their hit “Run to you” was an inspiration to our choir member Paulo Castilho Ribeiro Santos, who with the help of a friend from his home church in Brazil, translated and changed the text into Portuguese for use in the Presbyterian Church of Ubatuba. Later, while attending the Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Paulo translated the words into English. The other verses are as follows:

*I've been settling scores; I've been fighting so long,
But I've lost all my wars, and my good days are gone.
How shall I win back that heart which was true?
I have broken bones, I'm lost and cold...
May I start all anew?*

*I will pray to Our Father in Heaven
Help me, Lord, Your new Kingdom to see.
Take my hand, and I'll lay down my weapons;
Break my shackles and set me free!*

Paulo has one of those rare voices known as counter-tenor, and we have been lucky to have had him with us in the alto section this past year. He is moving on to further studies at the University of Ottawa. Thanks Paulo and all the best.

Ushers

Today: Marie Wilson, Edna Blondel, Holly
Turnbull & Ben Morrison

Next week: Elders

Prayers

Lord, the air smells good today,
straight from the mysteries
within the garden of God.
The trees in their prayer,
the birds in praise,
the first blue violets, kneeling.
— Rumi

Father in heaven, with this new season now upon us, everything in nature returns in new freshness and beauty, the lilies and the birds have lost nothing of their charm - oh that we might also return to the instruction of these teachers! Ah, but if in the time that has elapsed we have lost our health, would that we might regain it by learning again from the lilies of the field and the birds of the air! *Søren Kierkegaard*
Be not anxious for your life ... Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ... Therefore do not worry,

*saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ... your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
(Matthew 6: 25-34)*

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything.
All praise to God for the evening birds. Whether the day has been good or bad, whether we feel loved or unloved, the birds still carol their cheerful songs as the twilight comes and fades.

Prayer for Canada

“He shall have dominion from sea to sea...” Psalm 72:8

O Lord, we read of your “dominion” in Psalm 72, and claim this promise—that your will would prevail in this land. We pray for the movement of your Holy Spirit across this nation and for the work of your church in every city and village.

O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity, and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride, arrogance, and from every evil course of action.

Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries, a united people – one in purpose and vision. Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Morning...

A warm welcome to all, as we gather for our second annual outdoor service. If you are visiting, please linger for a time to enjoy a congregational BBQ and pick up a copy of our congregational newsletter, the Burning Bush ... and join us again in the worship of God!

Syrian Refugee Relief

The UN estimates there are over 50 million refugees and displaced persons in our world today. This morning we think especially of the over 6 million Syrians who have had to flee their homes and many also their nation due to the continuing violence of

their land. Our St. Andrew's pie sale was a great success and raised \$700 (a big thanks to all supporters!), and our special offering has already received another \$1300. Please consider a contribution - this morning is our last opportunity. Our assistance will support the work of local Christian organisations in the Middle East to reach out with the care of Christ in Syria and surrounding lands.

Forthcoming ...

Chariots of Fire

This film is part of the Movies in the Square programme of the City of Kingston, being screened outdoors this Thursday July 2. It tells the true story of Eric Kiddell from Scotland and his struggles of faith concerning participation in the 1924 Olympics.

Holy Communion

We will continue our monthly celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of each month through the summer, lead both July and August by our Minister.

Circle of Community

The community groups that call St. Andrew's home will be meeting in the Polson-Davis room Monday June 29, 4:30 p.m.

Also...

Mission Funds Available

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, congregations were invited to make application for funding (\$1,000-3,500) for special initiatives that would highlight mission, with priority to initiatives that have an evangelism component. If you have any suggestions, please contribute them to the Session, care of the Clerk of Session, prior to the Elders' next meeting of August 24.

General Assembly

There are a couple dozen booklets available in St. Andrew's Hall providing highlights from the 141st General Assembly earlier this month. Pick up a copy and get caught up. Some have been asking about the response to the Overtures concerning human sexuality - here is an extract ... *The Assembly continued to plan the way to respond to the overtures regarding human sexuality by discussing recommendations on the process to follow this*

Assembly. It was agreed that the Committee on Church Doctrine and the Life and Mission Agency (Justice Ministries) would confer together as each works on responding to the overtures and that the notes of the conversations that occurred during the facilitated process at Assembly be submitted to them as they prepare their responses. Congregations, sessions, presbyteries, synods and standing committees were encouraged to engage in a year of prayerful conversation, discernment and Bible study on the topics of human sexuality, sexual orientation and other related matters raised in the overtures. A joint study guide on these topics will be posted on the church's website by the end of October, 2015, and congregations, sessions, presbyteries and synods are invited to share the results of their conversations with the committees prior to March 31, 2015.

Vacation

A schedule of staff summer vacation times is posted in the photocopy room. During our minister's vacation June 29 - July 29 (but conducting the Communion Service of July 5), please contact our Clerk of Session for matters of pastoral care - [613-536-1626](tel:613-536-1626).

Wireless Access

Thanks to work by Changuk, the open wireless access offered by St. Andrew's has been extended - open SAPK Guest, and type in \$tandrews\$X

Presbytery Treasurer Needed

Mike Mundell will be retiring as presbytery treasurer in December, and we are looking for another individual to offer this service. It is not a demanding responsibility, and you get to attend four presbytery meetings a year (usually the third Tuesday morning of February, June, September and November)!

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