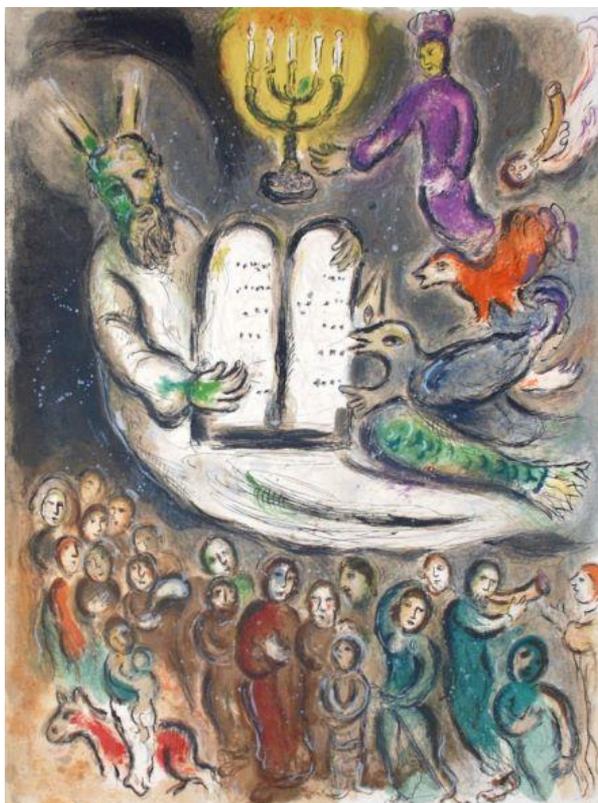


# Sunday September 26, 2021



*Marc Chagall. The Story of Exodus, 1966, colour lithograph*

## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour  
in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands  
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Preludes** O day of rest Lani Smith  
In memory of June John Hall

**Entry of the Bible**

**Call to Worship**

**Metrical Psalm** Oh come and sing unto the Lord 61  
...hear our joyful noise of praise

**Prayer of Approach**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Reception of New Members**

Lori-Kim d-O., Andy V.,  
Julielee S.

**Hymn** Lead me Jesus; I will follow 646  
... your disciple I will be

**Scripture Lessons** Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Barb Z.  
Psalm 146  
Matthew 12 :1-14

**Solo** O day of rest and gladness C. Wordsworth  
**Sermon** Sabbath 4) Community

**Hymn** Brother, sister, let me serve you 635  
... let me be as Christ to you

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Dedication**

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Hymn** Your hand, O God, has guided 477  
... your flock from age to age

**Benediction and Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

*Please wait for the ushers to indicate the time for your pew to leave, starting from the back to the front of the sanctuary.*

## **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.

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, for ever. Amen

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

### **Responsive Psalm 146**

Praise God!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

**For their hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth, the seas,  
and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises for ever;  
who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
**food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind!

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down  
and loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares for the stranger  
and sustains the orphan and widow,  
**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

### **Matthew 12:1-14**

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, ‘Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.’ He said to them,

‘Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice”, you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.’

He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, ‘Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?’ so that they might accuse him. He said to them,

‘Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.’ Then he said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

One of the many horrible things about this pandemic is that after someone's death, we cannot have closure within a reasonable length of time. June Richards, who served St. Andrew's as Director of Music for many years, quietly passed away on September 16<sup>th</sup> and we will have to wait before we can give a proper tribute to this talented lady. I thought that I could at least, compose a small piece in her memory and I thus present it as the second **Prelude**.

A hymn that no longer appears in most hymn books, is presented as our **Solo** today. "O Day of Rest and Gladness" was written by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). He was the nephew of the famous author William Wordsworth. In addition to other hymns and poems, he was a biblical scholar and wrote a complete commentary on the bible. He eventually became the Bishop of Lincoln. An old German melody *Mendebras*, was arranged by Lowell Mason for the tune. The same melody was the basis for the first **Prelude**, by the prolific American composer Lani Smith.

The magnificent old French pipe organs were an inspiration to many composers including Louis Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749). The **Postlude** is a typical "Dialogue" with a variety of moods and a "conversation" between two contrasting sets of pipes. Fortunately, they do not get into an argument.

## MORNING PRAYER

O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so participate in the dance of your trinity, that our loves may resonate with you, now and forever. Amen.

Janet Morley. *All Desires Known*, 2006.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**'They are like a tree planted by streams of water'** (Psalm1:3)

After the service this morning we will plant a tree in thanksgiving to God for generations of faithful witness before us, and of our own commitment in service of the creation and kingdom of God.

## **Advance Notice**

### **Autumn Tuesday Evenings**

Our autumn studies will focus upon DVD presentations by Gary Thomas entitled 'Sacred Pathways' that explore nine different ways to grow in relationship with God. Reserve Tuesday evenings October 26-November 23, 7-8 p.m.!

## **Serving within the Congregation**

### **Sunday Morning Scripture readers**

A new congregational year has begun. Andrew would like to draw up a schedule of readers for Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please call or send a note to Lori-Kim.

### **Help to Keep our Sanctuary Look Inviting**

Throughout the summer, various people have been bringing in flowers for the vases on either side of the pulpit. We very much appreciate these gifts as they brighten the space, and have the added bonus of looking lovely on the livestream! If you are interested in providing flowers or plants for these spots some Sunday this fall, please contact Lori-Kim at the church office. The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are offered by Barb and Al Z.

### **St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer**

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world. Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support? Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions 613-767-2835 [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

## **Service in the Community**

### **Season of Creation 2021**

The World Council of Churches has designated the weeks between September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi Day) a 'season of creation'. They have crafted some excellent resources for our reflection and action – have a look! <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/season-of-creation-2021>

Our local Anglican diocese has organized a series of webinars on the Thursday evenings of September (7:00-8:00pm) focussing on this Season of Creation. This week, Roberto Chiotti will speak about ways churches can reduce their ecological footprint, in a presentation entitled Climate Change and Sacred Spaces. The Zoom link for these Webinars is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87880067710> Meeting ID: 878 8006 7710

### **Caring for Our Environment – City of Kingston**

Our city is publishing its draft Climate Leadership Plan Summary Report. It is one of the first Canadian cities to do so! Residents are invited to complete a short survey to provide feedback on this report. You can complete the survey at: <http://www.getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca/climate-leadership-plan> or by calling 613-546-0000, weekdays between 8am and 5pm.

You may also sign up to attend a virtual engagement session being held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 starting at 6 p.m. At this session, there will be an opportunity to learn about the plan and ask questions. To sign up for this session, visit: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nEkqxstpR7izFfnyolGv7A](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nEkqxstpR7izFfnyolGv7A)

### **SERVING THIS MORNING**

**Beadle:** Larry M.  
**Cantor:** Paul P.  
**Livestreaming:** Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.  
**Ushers today:** Alberta and David S.,  
Susanne CJ.  
**October 3:** Elders

<b>Financial Review to August 31, 2021</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings and Presbyterians Sharing	\$145, 585	\$159, 021
Special Mission Projects	\$12, 333	\$16,272

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When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together, expressing our faith through our actions and decisions. Together, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk

with Indigenous people, seek justice and share Christ's love around the world. We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways. We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when theological students in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana and Beirut graduate, ready to shine Christ's light. On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we celebrate the mission and ministry we share together, as we proclaim God's love, hope, faith and grace in the world God loves. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

*In 2021, members of St. Andrew's Kingston have committed to a goal of contributing the sum of \$29,819 to support a witness together through Presbyterians Sharing.*

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