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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
August 16, 2015



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.

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

Prayer

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house
where shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,
world without end. Amen.

by John Donne (1572-1631)

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 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
**even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger?
**Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to
you.**
**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted
us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
**Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Scripture Readings

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac... all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel ...

Revelation 21:1-4, Revelation 22:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

We are happy to have Lisa Szeker-Madden with us today to help present some music from the operas. None of the music was originally written for recorder but you can't go wrong with these strong enduring melodies. The **Prelude** comes from the opera *Lakmé* by the French composer Léo Delibes (1836-1891). Delibes was physically a corpulent giant of a man but he created some of the most beautiful delicate music. The "Flower Duet" has been made famous in recent years with its use in film and television commercials. In the opera, the duet is sung by Lakmé, the daughter of a Brahman priest, and her servant Mallika as they gather flowers.

Another French composer, Jules Massenet (1842-1912), had a life filled with personal conflict and this is often reflected in his music. In his opera *Thaïs*, the central character is forced into making a decision between continuing a life as a seductive courtesan or following a monk into a desert to continue her life in a convent. Her decision is made during the playing of the beautiful "Meditation" and in the music, presented in the place of the **Anthem**, we can hear the struggles and the eventual calm after making the decision to live a life in serving God.

Christoph Willibald Ritter von Gluck was born in Germany in 1714 and died in Vienna in 1787. He has been called the "Regenerator of Opera" having

introduced a new attitude and style into lyric drama. His opera *Orpheus and Eurydice* was a great success, earning him fame and a nice pension from Marie Antoinette. The **Offertory** music is a good example of the beautiful melodies found in this opera.

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) wrote thirty operas, many of which included the theme of a call for freedom. He was a composer much beloved by his fellow Italians who longed for a united country and the overthrow of Austrian rule. The **Postlude** is a famous theme from his great opera *Aida*, a story about the daughter of an Ethiopian King who is forced into slavery in Egypt.

Ushers Today: Paul Payne, Doug & Kathleen Jones

Next Week: Ian Leach, Derek McCormick & David Saunders

This Morning...

Thank you to all who have brought flowers for the Sunday service, throughout the year.

There remain opportunities to contribute flowers in autumn, which are distributed after the service to households in support or celebration. Please speak to Wendy Worling to contribute, and to Elaine Coderre for suggestions of distribution.

Also...

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 \$tandrew\$X.

"The Way Ahead" Computer class

This St Andrews seniors' community outreach is in need of someone to assist in publicizing the services offered in the community. For more information please speak to our minister.

Distribution of Children's Bibles

Thank you for the most helpful assistance in placing "Classic Children's Bible Story Books" in recent weeks.

We are nearing the "Mission Accomplished" point, but I need help in identifying any children who have not received this illustrated Bible. Please contact me if you know of any. I shall be available in St Andrew's Hall or by phone 613-542-5429.

Ron Axford, Elder

Mission Moments...

International Day of the World's Indigenous People



Presbyterian World Service & Development responds to situations where indigenous people are marginalized and denied their basic human

rights. PWS&D supports local partners in Guatemala to develop programs to train and teach indigenous Maya-Mam women about health, nutrition, environmental awareness and entrepreneurship. By building their self-esteem and leadership qualities, PWS&D helps create opportunities for the women to expand their social capacity and their livelihoods. Aurelia is one of these women—she was initially trained and now shares this knowledge with others in her community. She shares: “I hope to continue working with my community so we can improve our living conditions—especially for our children, who are our future.”

-Our offerings support PWS&D and the rights of indigenous people

Sowing seeds of hope

Presbyterians Sharing supports ARISE ministry in



Toronto, ON, a mission that ministers to people who need support exiting the sex trade. When the Rev. Deb Rapport began working with Brooklyn six years ago,

Brooklyn was homeless, addicted to crack and involved in the sex trade to support her habit. Through counseling, friendship and support, Brooklyn journeyed from addiction to sobriety, from homelessness to being housed, from near-death to

new life. Now a new mom attending school, she wants ARISE to share her story so that it might inspire others to reach out for help and to know that they are not alone. Deb shares, “ARISE Ministry prays that seeds of hope will be planted in the lives of all involved in prostitution; that they may know that change is possible.”

- Our offerings support Presbyterians Sharing and inspire hope

“Quotations for Reflection”...

I thank Thee, O Lord, that thou hast so set eternity within my heart that no earthly thing can ever satisfy me wholly.

John Baillie

Heaven is not a place overhead to which we lift our eyes; it is the background of our existence, the all-encompassing lordship of God within which we stand.

Helmut Thielicke

The only way to get our values right is to see, not the beginning, but the end of the way, to see things, not in the light of time, but in the light of eternity.

William Barclay

The life of faith does not earn eternal life; it is eternal life. And Christ is its vehicle.

William Temple

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