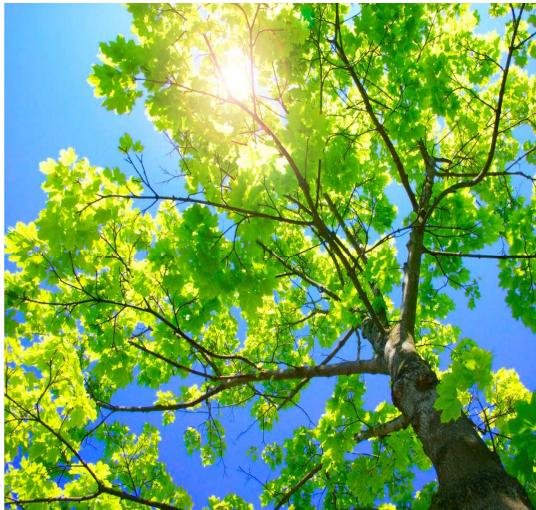


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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
August 23, 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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Postlude	Nun Danket alle Gott	S. Karg-Ellert

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 147:1-14, 20

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

**but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.**

Praise the Lord!

Scripture Readings

Nehemiah 9:6-15

And Ezra said: 'You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham; and you found his heart faithful before you, and made with him a covenant to give to his descendants the land ... and you have fulfilled your promise, for you are righteous.

'And you saw the distress of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea. You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted insolently against our ancestors. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day ... You came down also upon Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and you made known your holy sabbath to them and gave them commandments and statutes and a law through your servant Moses ...

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Prayer

i thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any--lifted from the no
of all nothing--human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings (1894-1962)

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

All of the music today is from the modern period. The **Postlude** is the earliest of today's compositions and was published in 1909. It is a choral prelude based on our last hymn and composed by German composer Sigfrid Karg-Ellert (1877-1933). In this music, the original tune is so heavily embellished that it is very difficult to pick it out. However, the composer certainly captures the right mood in this piece.

The rest of the music is by composers who are not well known. On the theme of prayer two pieces by that title are presented. The first **Prelude** is by British born Reginald Martin (1885-1963) who spent most of his career in the United States. Another American composer, Harry Patterson Hopkins (1873-1954) was organist in a Presbyterian church, and wrote the music heard as the **Offertory**. Both of these composers flourished in the 1940's and their music was featured in "The Organist"

magazine. Their music is useful but not profound or memorable.

The second **Prelude** is an improvisation on music composed by one of my composition teachers, Jean Anderson. Jean was born in England in 1939, continued studies in the U.S. and ended up teaching at the University of Western Ontario. Her early music was quite atonal but she "mellowed with age" and her later compositions are more tonal and frankly more listenable. Her setting of e.e. cummings's poem was written around 1970 (a mid-point in her career). I performed this anthem with a choir which toured England and Holland. It was one of our featured Canadian compositions. It has never been published, so I must think back 44 years to try to remember her not very tuneful music. In this composition, Jean Anderson liked to leap around with the notes as much as e.e. cummings liked to leap around with the words.

Paulo Santos brings to us one of his favourite hymns from the Presbyterian hymn book in Brazil and has provided an English translation which is presented as our **Anthem**. The beautiful music and words have undergone several transformations, beginning with the music by C.M. Battersby in 1913 with further adaptations, arrangements and alterations in 1959, 1966, 1975 and 1987. It provides a wonderful prayer in a well-matched musical setting. Verses 2, 3 and 4 are as follows:

If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I myself shall suffer through the strain,
Forgive me, God!

If I have been perverse or hard or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in Thy fold,
When Thou hast given me some fort to hold,
Forgive me, God!

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee;
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me and my keeper be,
Dear Lord, Amen.

Ushers Today: Ian Leach, Derek McCormick & David Saunders

Next Week: Joan Barr-Knox, Doreen Henshaw, Holly Turnbull, Ben Morrison

This Morning...

Flower Ministry

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.

“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.



Continuing Education Online Knox College Toronto Evil, Suffering & the Love of God -Sept 14–Oct 19

Someone we love dies of a horrible disease. Terrorists murder hundreds of people. A tornado destroys homes. Has God stopped paying attention? Why does God who “sees this little sparrow fall”, allow evil to take place? These and other heart wrenching questions are an inevitable part of our faith journey as Christians.

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Say Thank You...

When I look back upon my early days I am stirred by the thought of the number of people whom I have to thank for what they gave me or for what they were to me. At the time I am haunted by an oppressive consciousness of the little gratitude I really showed them when I was young... For all that, I think I can say with truth that I am not ungrateful. I did occasionally wake up out of that youthful thoughtlessness... But down to my twentieth year, and even later still, I did not exert myself sufficiently to express the gratitude which was really in my heart. I valued too low the pleasure felt at receiving real proofs of gratitude. Often, too, shyness prevented me from expressing the gratitude I felt.

As a result of this experience with myself I refuse to think that there is so much ingratitude in the world as is commonly maintained. I have never interpreted the parable of the Ten Lepers to mean that only one was grateful. All the ten, surely, were grateful, but nine of them hurried home first... One of them, however, had a disposition which made him act at once as his feelings bade him; he sought out the person who had helped him, and refreshed his soul with the assurance of his gratitude.

In the same way we ought all to make an effort to act on our first thoughts and let our unspoken gratitude find expression. Then there will be more sunshine in the world, and more power to work for what is good. But as concerns ourselves, we must all of us take care not to adopt as part of a theory of life all people’s bitter sayings about the ingratitude of the world. A great deal of water is flowing underground which never comes up as a spring. In that thought we may find comfort. But we ourselves must try to be the water which does find its way up; we must become a spring at which men can quench their thirst for gratitude.

Albert Schweitzer

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