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**WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

June 18, 2017



Luca Giordano, *Jacob's Dream*, around 1694-1700, oil on canvas. Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston.
Gift of Alfred and Isabel Bader, 1988 (31-003)

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 after the service for refreshments in St Andrew's Hall.

Ashley Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Infants and children aged three and under are welcome. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher, whom children are welcome to join immediately after the 'Time for Children' during the service. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information. As a matter of respect for our Indigenous neighbours, we acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

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Order of Worship

Prelude Album Leaf Robert Schumann
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship
Hymn O thou my soul, bless God the Lord 69
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit Our Song Shall Rise to Thee J.M. Martin

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Reading Psalm 123
Hymn We are climbing Jacob's Ladder (x3) Soldiers of the cross.
Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher (x3) Soldiers of the Cross.
Children, do you love my Jesus? (x3) Soldiers of the Cross.
If you love him, why not serve Him?(x3) Soldiers of the +
Rise, shine, give God glory, (x3) Soldiers of the cross.

Time with Children

Scripture Readings Stephen Kendall

Genesis 28:10-22

Ephesians 3:14-21

Anthem This is the Record of John Gibbons
This is the record of John. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who art thou?' And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, 'I am not the Christ.'
And they asked him, 'What art thou then? Art thou Elias?'
And he said, 'I am not.' 'Art thou the prophet?'
And he answered, 'No.'
Then said they unto him, 'What art thou then, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself?' And he said, 'I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord".'

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Spirit of God, descend upon my heart 382

Sermon 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory March from Damma per Musica J.S. Bach

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn O God of Bethel 654

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Fugue from Sonata no. 2 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.

Ushers

This morning – Dorothy Messenger, Ralph Kendall,
Marilyn Trudeau, Wendy Worling
June 25 – Joan Barr-Knox, Ada Mallory,
Shirley Aitken, Rhonda Aitken

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given In honour of Father's Day. Giving thanks for a father who lived his faith each day.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 123

To you I lift up my eyes,

To you enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,

**so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you have mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

Genesis 28:10-22

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; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and 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; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.'

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Organ Scholar

Returning from his sojourn abroad, John has brought us organ music from Germany!

The greatest composers to come out of Leipzig were undoubtedly Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, both of whom held the post of Kantor at St. Thomas's Church and are memorialized by statues, plaques, and stained glass around the building. It is said that Bach, though very popular in his own time, largely faded into obscurity after his death (his larger works were occasionally performed, but not widely). It was the young prodigy Mendelssohn who, rummaging through the library one day, recognized the unparalleled genius of his predecessor's compositions. It is hard to imagine what music would look like today were it not for that discovery.

The **Postlude** is the last movement of Mendelssohn's second organ sonata, which is my favourite of the six he composed. Much in the style of Bach, Mendelssohn takes a somewhat simple, almost dull theme and develops it into something extraordinary through his use of harmony and constant movement in the different voices. The piece culminates in a (rather tiring!) pedal solo that turns into one last statement of the theme by the feet, while all three upper voices provide an accompaniment, as if Mendelssohn is showing off one more trick in his bag.

Robert Schumann, though not as closely tied to Leipzig as the other two composers, met Mendelssohn on a trip to that city. He was very well educated and enjoyed playing musical games with his pieces, like spelling out friends' names with notes. The title of the **Prelude** comes from the custom of hiding a piece of music inside an album for someone to find—a kind of secret note to someone special. The Feast of John the Baptist (June 24) is a major occasion across the border in Quebec as the saint is a major figure in French Catholic culture. The text of the **Anthem** speaks to John's identity as the messenger of Christ, calling the Jewish people to witness. The music is a typical English verse anthem,

where the soloist first gives us the Biblical text and then the choir reflects on the last few lines he has just sung. This piece also has one of the most famous (and most challenging) countertenor solos of the period, and is a pleasure to sing.

Mission Moments – Camp lawah

The history of Camp lawah is heartwarming, and so I have decided to share the story of lawah through literature, sent to me by Wendy Lynn, who works in their office.

At the time, our family attended Bethel Church and I felt very blessed to be able to camp at lawah for two summers with other people from Bethel. In 1955, Charlie Leach and a group of devout Christian men contemplated building a summer camp for south-eastern Ontario. They came across the Derbyshire farm on Wolfe Lake, and although the road was impassable, they walked in on foot. The men prayed and asked God for guidance and wisdom. They knew in their hearts that the farm was the perfect location for a retreat centre and a children's camp. Charlie and two other men felt powerfully compelled by God to make an offer of \$5,000 and 25 years to pay Mrs. Derbyshire, who lived in Westport. En-route to the meeting, they stopped in a Westport restaurant and were informed that another organization was offering \$30,000 cash for the farm - far more than what they had available. Concerned but undeterred, Charlie and the committee proceeded with the meeting and by God's grace, came face to face with a wonderful Christian woman.

Mrs. Derbyshire was receptive to their plan, nothing that their proposed vision of the property was exactly what her late husband would have wanted for the future of the farm. From this humble beginning, Camp lawah has since grown into a year-round centre for learning, adventure and growth. Thousands of people, both young and old, have met the Lord at lawah, while others have grown deeper roots of faith.

Today, they continue to journey with youth as they grow in leadership and intimacy with God.

As a footnote to this article, what needs to be mentioned is that the Derbyshire's attended St. Andrew's Church in the 1960's and 1970's. Mrs Derbyshire was active in the W.M.S. What a wonderful story.

-Joan Barr-Knox

Today

Sunday Perspectives

Sunday June 18, 7 p.m. Join in a screening of 'Certain Women' (at the Screening Room, of course) - an American drama film first released at the Sundance Festival, it follows the lives of three women in Montana. Writer-director Kelly Reichardt has a 'gift for telling the stories of ordinary people with uncommon empathy and skill.' Afterwards a short discussion in the cinema. In conjunction with Chalmers United and St. Mark's Lutheran.

Anniversary Banquet

Tickets are now available for our 200th anniversary banquet on Saturday, September 16th here at the church. The evening will include contributions by our choir and an address by the Honourable Peter Milliken. The meal will be catered by Ramekins and is being offered at a cost of \$15. Any additional funds will help support another member to attend. See Rose DeShaw in St. Andrew's Hall after the service this morning.

Famine Relief Appeal

An unprecedented food crisis has gripped several nations across Africa, including Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia. The Government of Canada is matching all contributions to PWS&D designated "Famine Relief" until June 30th (use Mission line of Sunday envelopes.) Our offerings will support work through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in the area.

This Week

The Women's Missionary Society

Monday, June 19, noon.

An end of year pot luck lunch at the home of Audrey Cossar. All welcome! Speak to Helen Ledford or Donna Delacretaz for further details.

Advance Notice

Breakfasts on the Lawn

This was a new initiative of last July, answering a call to be St. Andrew's beyond the sanctuary, and to share God's love by sharing company and a meal with others on the lawn. Would you be willing to help co-ordinate another series of Breakfasts on the Lawn, July 9,16,23&30? Sign up in St. Andrew's Hall.

Also...

Baby Bottle Drive

Father's Day signals the return of the baby bottles for the "Change for Life" Campaign in aid of the work of the Kingston Pregnancy Care Centre. Please place in the empty milk crate in St. Andrew's Hall. Cheques are always acceptable. Thank you for caring for those in crisis pregnancy situations and for those who cherish life.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Presbyterian World Service & Development is very



grateful for the congregations, presbyteries, groups and individuals who contributed to refugee sponsorship

efforts in 2016. Whether they were involved in an application, raising funds or collecting furniture, Presbyterians were enthusiastic as ever to respond to the global refugee crisis by contributing to resettlement opportunities in Canada. In 2016, 73 sponsorship applications were filed for 244 people, with families from Syria, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Pakistan, Burma and Venezuela arriving safely in Canada. We celebrate the compassionate efforts of Presbyterians across Canada who are responding to God's call to serve and defend the vulnerable and the persecuted. This year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

Weekly Givings

	Expected	Received
June 11, 2017	\$3,808	\$2,351
Year to Date	\$100,668	\$99,756

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