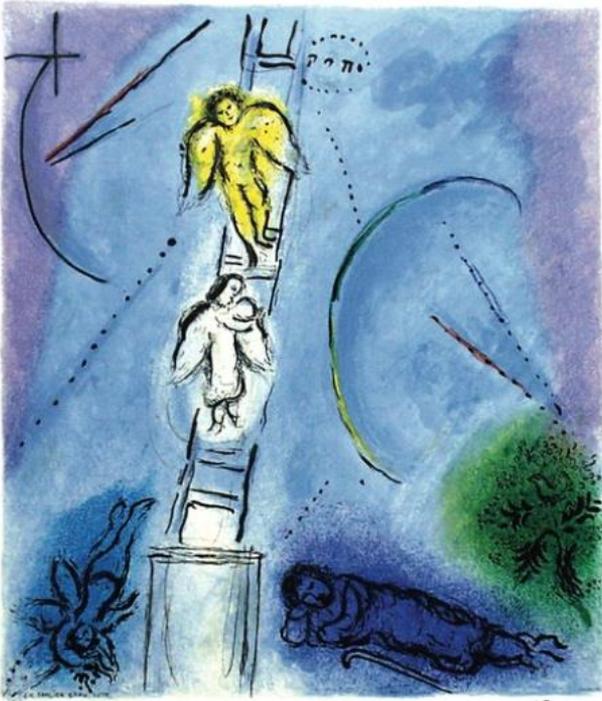


Sunday April 18, 2021



*Jacob's Ladder. Marc Chagall, 1977
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in this community since 1817

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

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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.
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

Responsive Psalm 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and know me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord you know it altogether.

**You beset me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.

**Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

If I ascend to heaven you are there!

If I make my bed in the depths, you are there!

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is bright as the day;
for darkness is as light with you.**

For you formed my inward parts,
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you for you are fearful and wonderful.
Wonderful are your works!**

You know me right well;

my frame was not hidden from you,

**when I was being made in secret,
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
**in your book were written,
every one of the days that were formed for me.
when as yet there was none of them.**

How precious to me are your thoughts O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

Genesis 28:10-17

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.’

Philippians 4:5-7

The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGM Notes

Thanks to meeting Secretary Ken Hancock, notes of the AGM for the year 2020 are now available for those who were unable to attend in person or online. Get in touch with Lori-Kim in the office if you would like a copy.

Preparing for Earth Day – Thursday April 22

#1

Relationships and Rights: God, Creation, People and Environmental Crises: A Webinar offered by Justice Ministries of the PCC

Wednesday April 21, 1-2:15 p.m.

Do you have a place in nature that brings you joy and deepens your sense of connection to God's creation? Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change, rising sea levels, deforestation, plastics in the ocean, loss of biodiversity and other environmental crises on a world that you love? Join us as we talk about ways we can honour our relationships with God, creation and each other, and celebrate Earth Day. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/211018312797049>

#2

Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation

Tuesday April 20, 7-9 p.m.

In advance of Earth Day, we will hear from organic farmer, biblical scholar, teacher, and author Sylvia Keesmaat. Sylvia will discuss *Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation*. She asks, "What if radical hope and radical resistance meant recovering the deep relationality of Creator and creation? What if such resistance re-placed us in our true story – a story of healing that flows through God, creation, and ourselves?" Sponsored by Canadian Council of Churches, Citizens for Public Justice, Henri Nouwen Centre. \$15. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/voices-for-peace-2021-radical-hope-radical-resistance-event-1-tickets-145579978635>

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? You would a) receive a list of prayer requests once a week by email or phone b) keep this information in confidence c) dedicate a time of prayer for those named over the next week. This initiative of the Prayer Team has been approved and is being commended by the Elders of St. Andrew's. Dorothy Messenger has offered to co-ordinate. Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions 613-767-2835 dotmessenger@gmail.com

Assistance needed for Vacation Bible School

Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church is considering the possibility of holding a **Vacation Bible School** on June 28th - July 2nd from 9am - noon. If we proceed, we will hold VBS outdoors under Party Tents. The viability of VBS this year is dependent on many factors including Public Health protocols and the level of active Coronavirus cases in our community. We will require many volunteers to make VBS safe for all. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this Ministry. We will need kitchen help, small group leaders and Station leaders. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Michaela Vandyke at 613-328-7135 or email vandykeschaap@gmail.com

SERVING THIS MORNING

Cantor: Christopher Hall

Financial Review to Mar.31, 2021	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$57,148	\$69,022
Designated Mission Offerings	\$4,625	\$4,465

Prayer for Earth Day from presbyterian.ca

Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,

We see with wonder the world and all that is in it; the air, the waters, the land, plants, and animals.

We perceive creation's goodness, and your love for all the earth. In so doing, we also perceive how we have failed to love creation as you have shown.

Please forgive us, Lord, for when we have failed to show love for all your creation.

We know that you know when even the mountain goat gives birth, or the raven's young go hungry. Yet we confess we have often been the cause of hunger in creation around us, whether that creation is humans uprooted by drought or famine, animals endangered through destruction of their habitat, or plants that can no longer find nutrients in over-farmed or polluted soil. We hear creation groan and we realize we are part of its suffering.

Please forgive us, Lord, for when we have been careless in our consumption and destructive in our habits.

The Psalmist too tells us that the earth is Yours, and all that is in it, but those of us with means have often dominated the land and all who depend on it, acting as though creation is ours to dispose of as we will. We have often not acted as faithful caretakers. To increase our profit or avoid sacrifice, we have often attempted to thwart those who were actively caring for your creation, trying to serve you faithfully.

Please forgive us, Lord, for when we have not protected and cared for creation to the best of our ability and means, and for when we have been unwilling to give up comforts or privileges that harm your creation.

Gracious God, when your son, Jesus, spoke of knowing a tree by the fruit it produces, he reminded us that our words and actions show what is in our innermost heart.

Help our hearts to be filled with love and wonder for all your creation, and to act with loving care and just action toward what you loved first.

All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Home Based Housing



Since 1987, Home Base Housing (HBH) has been in the business of ending homelessness in Kingston. As the new owners of the former Princess St. United Church, their founding principle is that everyone deserves a place to call

home, and further a warm bed to sleep in and food to sustain them.

Through their case managers, they seek to provide:

- Supportive and transitional housing
- Emergency shelters
- Youth Services Hub
- Housing Help Centre

There are many root causes of homelessness, and all of HBH services help to address these, with the goal of leading to permanent housing.

Check out the HBH website: www.kingstonhomebase.ca

Home Base Housing is one of the local organizations that the Mission Fund of St. Andrew's Church supports through our offerings.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$2,000 to the work of Christ through Home Based Housing in the city of Kingston.

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