

**Sunday June 25, 2023**



*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.*

Jacob Willemszoon de Wet, 1650

## **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

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in this community since 1817

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

<b>Preludes</b>	Chant de la Creuse	César Franck
	Petit Offertoire	César Franck

## Entry of the Bible

### Responsive Call to Worship

One: To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

**All: Listen to our voices and answer.**

One: The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**All: God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.**

One: So let us glorify God's holy name together!

**All: We come to worship God in love and loyalty.**

<b>Hymn</b>	Come Thou Almighty King	293
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### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<i>see insert</i>
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<b>Greetings &amp; Announcements</b>	Bob
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<b>Children's Time</b>	Bob
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<b>Anthem</b>	Sent Forth by God's Blessing
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<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	Psalm 86:1-10; 16-17	Greg
	Daniel 2:49-3:30	
	Romans 6:1b-11	

<b>Sermon</b>	We live in the Even If	Rev Heather Kern
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<b>Solo</b>	Even If	Rev Heather Kern
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<b>Hymn</b>	For the beauty of the earth	434
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<b>Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession</b>	Bob
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<b>Doxology</b>	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
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<b>Hymn</b>	God bless your Church	491
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### Benediction and Choral Amen

<b>Postlude</b>	Grand Chorus in F	César Franck
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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 LESSONS**

### **Responsive Psalm 86:1-10; 16-17**

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,

for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;

I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and  
great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,

for you will answer me.

**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor anything like your works.**

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,  
and glorify your name.

**For you are great; you do wondrous things;  
and you alone are God.**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;

give your strength to your servant;

and save the child of your handmaid.

**Show me a sign of your favour,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

## **Daniel 2:49-3:30**

Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, 'You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.' Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'O king, live for ever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.’ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, ‘Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?’

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defence to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.’ Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors, ‘Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?’ They answered the king, ‘True, O king.’ He replied, ‘But I

see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!' So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore, I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.'

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

### **Romans 6:1b-11**

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be

destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

César Auguste Franck was born in Belgium 1822 but made his career in Paris where he died in 1890. He is acknowledged as one of the greatest of organists and church musicians. He received his education at the Paris Conservatoire where he won many prizes for his talents. For nearly 40 years he was organist at the church of St. Clotilde where he was inspired by the wonderful organ built by Cavaille-Col. He remained greatly devoted to the church and its music. At age fifty he was appointed organ professor at the Conservatoire. He was little understood by his colleagues and staff. A lot of his music was dismissed as trivial. However, as time went on, he began to achieve recognition for his orchestral, instrumental and organ works.

Franck's life was described by a friend as that of a "cheerful saint". He was an early riser, living simply and always setting aside time for meditation. His music was very personal, being heavily inspired by Bach, Beethoven and Liszt. He was a devoted teacher and respected by his pupils. On his way to teach a lesson, he was hit by a horse-drawn vehicle and never recovered.



### **Solo – Even If**

They say sometimes you win some  
Sometimes you lose some  
And right now, right now I'm losing bad  
I've stood on this stage night after night  
Reminding the broken it'll be alright  
But right now, oh right now I just can't  
It's easy to sing  
when there's nothing to bring me down  
But what will I say when I'm held to the flame  
Like I am right now

**(Chorus)** I know You're able and I know You can  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand  
But even if You don't  
my hope is You alone

They say it only takes  
a little faith to move a mountain  
Well good thing, a little faith is all I have, right now  
But God, when You choose to leave mountains unmovable  
Oh give me the strength to be able to sing  
It is well with my soul **(Chorus)**

I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt  
Would all go away if You'd just say the word  
But even if You don't my hope is You alone  
You've been faithful, You've been good  
All of my days, Jesus, I will cling to You  
Come what may,  
I know You're able and I know You can. **(Chorus)**

**Repeat v.3**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online. We're happy you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to the Rev. Heather Kern for leading worship again as she has done so often in this year of transition. We are very grateful for her words and willingness to pastor to us.

Heartfelt thanks also to Bob and Greg for contributing to our worship today.

## Upcoming Worship Leaders

July 2, 9, 16 - The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

July 23 - Chief Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

July 30 – Julielee Stitt

August 6 – The Rev. Paul and Heather Kern

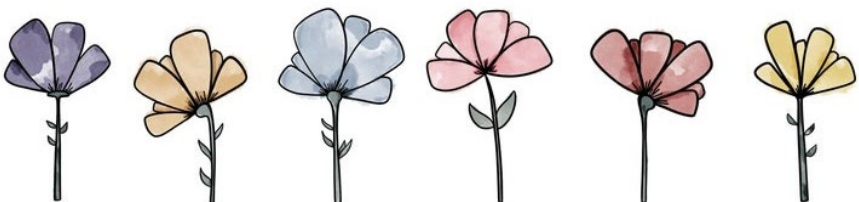
August 13 – The Rev. Nancy Hancock

August 20 – Ecumenical service at Lake Ontario Park

August 27 – Julielee Stitt

## Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.



## Letter of Thanks

Last week we received a lovely letter from the Presbyterian College Montréal, thanking us for our continued financial support as they strive to equip students for the ministry. Among the kind words was this lovely paragraph:

I (Rev. Dr. Roland de Vries – *principal*) should add that we are delighted to have **Ms. Julielee Stitt** as a student here at the college. She is a gift to our community, and already makes substantial contributions to our shared life as she pursues her Master of Divinity program. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement you have provided to her for her studies and over the years.”

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mess Studio Nine & Dine

This year, the fun begins at 1:30 pm on July 23, at Rivendell Golf Club, Verona. This is a great event and an enjoyable way to show support for the wonderful work the Mess does downstairs! For tickets and information, visit: [themessstudiokingston.com/events](http://themessstudiokingston.com/events)

## Christ's College Chapel Choir

Choristers in this ensemble are selected by audition either before or during their studies at Cambridge University, UK. They sing at twice weekly chapel services and at many special services and occasions throughout the year. Each summer they tour abroad. This year they will be visiting Ontario and Québec, including a stop in Kingston, where St. Andrew's has agreed to host a concert on Saturday, July 15. We do need your help in billeting the 24 singers for 1 or 2 nights. Hosts are also asked to drive their choristers to and from St. Andrew's, and provide breakfast. For more information about billeting, contact the choir directly at: [christschoir@gmail.com](mailto:christschoir@gmail.com)

Additionally, we will be feeding the choir a supper between their rehearsal and concert. To accommodate various dietary concerns, we will provide supper of lasagne (meat, vegan, vegetarian), salad and fruit. If you would like to help with this - either as the point person, donating to the cost of food, serving or helping with set-up/clean-up, please contact the office.

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

### Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

### Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings.

Financial Review to May 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$90,922	\$66,805
Missions	\$8,125	\$6,697

### Summer Fun List

It is officially summer!! This season provides us with wonderful opportunities to slow down, to unwind, to admire and appreciate God's creation with its glorious profusion of colours and scents, and the incomparable taste of 'fresh from the garden' produce. Each week this summer, we encourage you to enjoy creation in a different way. This week, try to *eat a meal outdoors*. It can be at a restaurant or café, at a park, or on your own patio, lawn or doorsteps. As you eat, think about where your food comes from, feel the breeze, the warmth of the sun, notice how the sights and sounds are different from being inside, and give thanks to the Creator for these gifts.

### SERVING THIS MORNING

<b>Beadle:</b>	Larry
<b>Livestreaming:</b>	Christopher, Benjamin
<b>Flowers:</b>	Dixie and Murray
<b>Ushers this week:</b>	John, Rory
<b>Ushers July 2:</b>	Elders

## Mission Moment – Food Assistance in Pakistan



Orphaned as a teenager, Fouzia was adopted by her aunt and uncle, whom she came to live with in Kabul, Afghanistan. After the Taliban took control, the family fled to Pakistan, where they could scarcely find work as they lacked the necessary legal documents. They were then selected for a food assistance project supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. Through the project, Fouzia's

family received assistance to help ensure that they were able to meet their food needs while her uncle and aunt look for a source of income in Pakistan. This provided the family a sense of relief in the face of great uncertainty. "With funds received, my aunt bought food items so that we have sufficient meals every day," said Fouzia.



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In 2023, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4515 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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