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**THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday May 21, 2023
Ascension Sunday
Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Preparing our Hearts

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." Ps 46:10

Organ Prelude: Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

*Processional Hymn: *Hail the day that sees Christ rise* #265

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Yoelle Cho

L.: Let us be joyful before God!

P: We will sing praises to God's holy name.

L.: Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

P: who protects orphans and widows, and gives the desolate a home.

L: Sing to God, all nations of the earth;

P: We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

L: let us worship God.

Choir Anthem: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Exchange of Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: *King of Kings* #266

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 47

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

² **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

³ He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.

⁴ **He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah***

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

⁸ **God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Acts 1:1-14

NT p. 118

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Quit Doing Nothing

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Sometimes a healing word is comfort*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

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We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Organ Postlude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**if you are able, please stand*

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Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

****We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Our ushers are available to assist you.**

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!*

*If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.
If you wish to help reading scriptures contact the church
office or speak with Garth Low or Rev. Heather***

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn at all times.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday May 21, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am
11:00 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room
Worship Service

Tuesday May 23, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm
7:30 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall
Board of Managers Meeting by Zoom

Thursday May 25, 2023

7:30 pm

Book Club Meeting by Zoom

Sunday May 28, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am
11:00 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room
Worship Service

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings there are several options available to do so.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate as you enter the Sanctuary.

Offerings can be mailed (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

You may also donate on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at www.tpchurch.net or directly to Canada Helps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

Thank you for your support!



DID YOU KNOW?

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

The Church's relationship with Indigenous peoples in Canada has been marked by colonization and the racist beliefs. The Church

has confessed its role in running residential schools, its complicity in the harms of colonization, and rejected the Doctrine of Discovery. The church is committed to walking toward reconciliation. This includes advocating that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is the framework for reconciliation, responding to the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action](#) and engaging with the findings of the [National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice](#) . In 2006, General Assembly established the Healing and Reconciliation program to assist individuals and congregations that are building relationships based on justice, love of neighbour, and mutual respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Ascension Sunday

Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on the 6th Thursday after Easter Sunday (40 days after Easter). Ascension Sunday commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking in importance with Good Friday and Pentecost.

The Open door

The deadline for the Spring issue of "The Open Door" is
Monday May 29th.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at
garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail
box located by the Chapel.

Great Day is Coming!

Sunday May 28



A day for our Church to share our many blessings!
Great Day is traditionally held on the last Sunday of May.
Historically, Great Day was established as a congregation-wide
fund raiser to help pay off the mortgage on the church.
Since then, we have used Great Day as an opportunity
not only to help fund important church building
or maintenance projects, but also raise awareness
and funds for outreach projects too!

The letter sent to you recently describes
the "two centres of focus" of this year's Great Day.

Our THEME this year is Equality, Equity & Renewal.
Our fund raising will be split between supporting women's
equal opportunity in education, work, health,
and basic human rights globally,
and funding much needed repairs to the manse.

**We have a great worship service being planned,
with guest speaker and light lunch and
coffee hour after the service.**

[We hope you will support these two important projects.](#)

Thank you for helping make it a Great Day for the Kingdom!

In Christ's service,
Your Stewardship Team

Hymn

Hail the day that sees Christ rise

Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Hallelujah!
to the throne in paradise; Hallelujah!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Hallelujah!
enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah!

Christ, for you high triumph waits, Hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; Hallelujah!
you have conquered death and sin: Hallelujah!
enter, Sovereign, enter in. Hallelujah!

See the nail marked hands above, Hallelujah!
signs of God's redeeming love; Hallelujah!
hark, Christ's words our hearts assure, Hallelujah!
"I will send a Comforter!" Hallelujah!

Christ, for us still intercede; Hallelujah!
by your suffering for us plead; Hallelujah!
near yourself prepare a place, Hallelujah!
as the first fruits of God's grace. Hallelujah!

Now, though parted from our sight, Hallelujah!
in the depths of starry night, Hallelujah!
may God raise us up again, Hallelujah!
heirs of your eternal reign. Hallelujah!

Hymn

King of Kings

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! **X2**
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! **X2**

Repeat X5

Hymn

Sometimes a healing word is comfort

Sometimes a healing word is comfort:
easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring,
treasuring each and every part.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word remembers:
calling up days of joy or pain,
letting the past renew the present,
till hope can mend and move again.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word is angry:
giving a name to discontent,
shining a light on sin or grievance,
calling a people to repent.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word takes chances:
going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert,
hoping for shelter at the inn.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word will listen:
hearing the voiceless into speech,
letting the pattern of the story
move us to learn what it can teach.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.