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THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday/Great Day

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Piano Prelude: Pass It On ("It only takes a spark")

Kurt Kaiser,
arr. Mark Hayes

*Processional Hymn: *Let every Christian pray*

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(Tune #438)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Kaleb Nogueron

L.: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

P: and inspire our thoughts and actions.

L.: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

P: and fill us with energy to spread joy in the world.

L.: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

P: and refresh our commitment to serve.

L.: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

P: as we worship and witness to God's coming reign.

L: let us worship God.

Choir Anthem: *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*

Giovanni Palestrina
(1525-94)

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: ***How Great Is Our God***

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

(2X)

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

(2X)

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

(2X)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

(4X)

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash CCLI License #993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Zhenyi Li

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-21

NT p. 119

Galatians 3:23-29

NT p. 189

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Equality, Equity & Renewal

Maria Carmona

*Hymn: *Pass it on (It only takes a spark)*

It only takes a spark to get a fire going

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing

That's how it is with God's love

Once you've experienced it

You spread His love to ev'ryone

You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring

When all the trees are budding

The birds begin to sing

The flowers start their blooming

That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser, CCLI License # 993446

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *O breath of life, come sweeping through us*

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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: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord Charles Ore (b. 1936)

** if you are able, please stand*

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Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping 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.

We Welcome our Great Day Guest Speaker Maria Carmona

Maria Carmona has been serving as Program Coordinator at Presbyterian World Service & Development since 2021. She works with partner organizations in Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Pakistan on humanitarian and development projects.

Originally from the Philippines, she came to Canada in 2017 to pursue her Master's degree in Development Practice from the University of Waterloo.

She also holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Hitotsubashi University in Japan and has had over 15 years of experience in the development sector in the Philippines.

She believes in lifelong learning and is passionate about social justice and inclusion. She recently returned from Pakistan where she visited projects being supported by PWS&D and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday May 28, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery - Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

12:00 pm

Great Day Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday May 30, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday June 4, 2023

11:00 am

Worship Service

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.



Sunday Morning Discovery

The last meeting for the year will be on May 28th.
Sunday Morning Discovery will resume in the fall.

Our 2023 Great Day Projects

EQUALITY, EQUITY & RENEWAL

We are raising funds to support two worthy causes.

EQUALITY AND EQUITY

Due to the dramatic erosion of women's rights globally, we will support programmes through Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) that can help to restore this imbalance.

Our guest speaker will provide information about this.

MAJOR MANSE REPAIRS

The church manse is over 40 years old and is in dire need of many much-needed repairs, some of which include:

Waterproofing the basement - \$12,000

Flooring and sub-flooring (main floor) - \$8,000

Replacing the deck - \$6,000

Window replacement - \$25,000

Painting – cost not determined yet

Bathrooms (*some of the work has been paid for with \$5,000 from Great Day 2022*)

This will be an ongoing project for the Board, and some of the work is being done by board members to keep costs down.

If you wish to support these ministries, please donate through your offering envelope.

Note: Please write Great Day on the 'other' line on your envelope beside the amount of your donation.

Together, let's make it a GREAT DAY for the Kingdom!

Hymn

Let every Christian pray

Let every Christian pray,
this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth
the church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn,
since that tremendous dawn,
the gifts of Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Unite, instruct, inspire
and fill us with your fire:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Hymn

O breath of life, come sweeping through us

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip your church to spread the light.