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

Sunday June 18, 2023
Father's Day
We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:26

Organ & Violin Prelude: Variations on Slane Jan Bender (1909-94)
with Jeffrey Wong

*Processional Hymn: *This is my Father's world* #328

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Jeremy Low

L.: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

P: We are all one family, all over the world.

L.: We are all one family, each unique, each special.

P: We are all one family, brothers, and sisters on one journey of faith.

L: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

P: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.

L: Let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Refrain: *My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures **Refrain X2**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 103:8-17

Gabby Gama

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ **As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;**

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3; 11-32 (*The Prodigal Son dramatized*) NT p. 78

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Prodigal Father

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser



1. Oh, how he loves you and me; _____ Oh, how he loves you and me; —
2. Je- sus to Cal- v'ry did go, _____ His love for peo- ple to show;



— He gave his life, what more could he give? Oh, how he loves you,
— What he did there brought hope from de- spair; Oh, how he loves you,



oh, how he loves me, oh, how he loves you and me! _____
oh, how he loves me, oh, how he loves you and me! _____

Repeat Stanza 1

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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: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead 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**

Piano Postlude: The Family Prayer Song (As For Me and My House)
Morris Chapman (b. 1940)

**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 the Scripture readings.

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.



Sunday School NEWS!

Our last day of Sunday School will be June 25.

• will have periodic summer-fun classes during the break.
A schedule will be sent out to parents once available.

Calling all Adults – We need HELP! If you are interested in helping out in a movie class or games/craft class over the summer please contact Amy Girard (647-291-8356).

Regular classes resume on Rally Sunday September 17th.
We wish all of our students a wonderful summer!

WMS In-Person Meeting

The WMS is reminded of their **in-person** meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 20 beginning at 11:00 am.
Please bring your lunch.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday June 18, 2023

11:00 am Special Father's Day Youth Participation Service

Tuesday June 20, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Classes in the Chapel and Conference Room

11:00 am – 1:30 pm WMS Meeting with Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Sunday June 25, 2023

11:00 am 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!

TPC Annual Congregational Picnic!



Join us Sunday June 25th after worship for our annual church picnic and BBQ. We'll be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and cold drinks in the back parking lot.

If you're able, please drop off a salad or dessert to the Fellowship Hall ahead of lunch.

We hope you'll join us for this kick off to summer.

The Toronto Ride to Conquer Cancer 2023

After nearly being cancelled due to air quality in the GTA, the Ride received clearance to carry on as planned.

Over 3,500 riders cycled more than 220 km from Toronto to Niagara Falls last weekend to raise money for cancer research initiatives at The Princess Margaret Hospital Cancer Centre.

More than \$17.3 million was raised this year.

This was my 11th year cycling, and I am grateful to my TPC family for this opportunity to help make a difference in people's lives.

TPC Lost and Found Box

The box contains a pair of black framed glasses and a broken gold chain.

There are also men's leather winter gloves and a shawl.

Please contact Nadine in the Admin. Office if you have lost one of these items.

Thank you to members of our TPC Sunday School

for participating in today's Worship Service.

Jeffrey Wong – Violin

Jeremy Low – Call to Worship

Grace, Kaleb, Mason, Arshida, Maya, Parsa, and Yoelle for the Luke 15:11-32 dramatization

The Prodigal Son Dramatization

Cast of Characters:

Jesus: Grace

Younger Son: Kaleb

Father: Mason

Older Son: Arshida

Farmer: Maya

Main Servant: Parsa

Sellers of Goods: Yoelle, Parsa, Maya and Arshida

Servants: Maya, Arshida, Parsa, Yoelle



Hymn

This is my Father's world

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of spheres.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought;
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
God's hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Maker's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Maker's world;
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass God's footsteps pass,
God speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Saviour's world;
O let me not forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Saviour's world;
the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our guide shall be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided
nothing can our peace destroy.