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

Sunday July 30, 2023

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude Duet: Hornpipe/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Handel /
Mckechnie
Delacey Graham on piano

Preparing our Hearts

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Ps. 34:8

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Yoelle Cho

L.: Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.

P: We will tell of God's wonderful works!

L.: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

P: We will sing God's praises!

L: Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

P: We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

L: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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.

We Listen for God's Word

*Children's Hymn: *Jesus, friend of little children*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-32

NT p. 173

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: No Token Gesture

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

Solo: Ah, Jesus Lord, Your Love for Me

Folk Song arr. David Johnson
(1922-87) Soloist Deborah Lee

We Respond to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Communion Hymn: *One bread, one body*

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and
for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.*

The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:

... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful
praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say: Amen.

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**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 and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

(If you are able, please come forward to receive the Sacrament.

Communion will be brought to those who remain seated and signal the Elder.)

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn: *Now let us from this table rise*

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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:

Chaconne

Louis Couperin (1626-61)

** 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!*

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church and receive Communion with their families.

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

Rev. Heather Away

Rev. Heather is on study leave as of Monday July 31 to Sunday August 6.

She will then be taking her vacation up at the cottage.

If you have a need please call our Clerk of Session, Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.



Summer Sunday School NEWS!

Come and learn how growing our roots deep into the Bible and our relationship with God, helps us stand strong and THRIVE even through the storms of life.

Weather permitting, we will be outside this morning to see how deep roots are necessary to keep trees strong when they are faced with storms. And we will learn about how David's faith in God was strengthened when he faced his enemy, Goliath.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday July 30, 2023

11:00 am

Worship Service - Communion

Sunday August 7, 2023

11:00 am

Worship Service

Happiest of Birthdays!



We wish Doug Gray a very happy 90th birthday on August 7th.
We pray for God's blessings on you, Doug.



The administrator's summer office hours will be
Wednesday to Friday
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Messages will be checked regularly.

***In case of pastoral emergency, please
contact Rev. Heather at 416-949-3465
or Sheila Gault, Clerk of Session
at 905-751-6568.***

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.

Coffee Hour

***There will be special Summer Coffee Hours
on July 30th and August 27th after the service and
prior to Dan's Sing Sessions***



You are invited to *Dan's Sing Sessions!*

When?

The ~~fast~~ Sunday of the month, from July until December.
In Fellowship Hall 15 minutes after service end.

What?

30 minutes of instruction by Dan plus Psalm, Hymn, and
Spiritual Song singing

July 30

Congregational singing for worship in general. Brief history
of how and when early, European, non-clergy church goes began
singing in worship services. What they sang in the main Christian
traditions, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed continental,
Reformed British Isles "high" church and "low" church.

August 27

Psalms of David, Moses, etc. The three major categories
of songs for singing in worship as mentioned in the New Testament.
Examples of sung Psalms in the major Christian traditions.

September 24

Hymns. Brief discussion of church doctrine and
theology vs. personal songs of faith. Examples of hymns of the
major Christian traditions as mentioned above.

October 29

Spiritual songs. Brief discussion of the meaning of
personal faith songs. Pros and cons of their use. Performance vs.
personal faith expression. Examples of spiritual songs.

November 26

Liturgical elements. The purpose of liturgy in worship,
"pericopes," and the 3-year Scripture cycle vs. free-form worship or
"no plan." Examples of liturgical songs or elements in worship.

December 31

Christmas carols. Classic hymn forms and spiritual
song versions. Why "carols" are oftentimes a little bit different from
standard hymns and Psalms. Examples of various kinds of
Christmas carols.

At each session, we will end with 10 minutes of participants
choosing their favorite hymns/songs for us to sing!

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
my soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning
hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been
granted through God's kind ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you;
surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
when in great love God befriends you.

Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring,
all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
now and forever adoring!

Hymn

Jesus, friend of little children

Jesus, friend of all the children,
be my friend and guide;
take my hand, and ever keep me
by your side.

Step by step, oh lead me onward,
growing into youth,
wiser, stronger, still increasing
in your truth.

Never leave me nor forsake me;
always be my friend,
for I need you, from life's dawning
to its end.

Hymn

One bread, one body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, nor more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
poured out and blest for all.

Refrain

Hymn

Now let us from this table rise

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humble pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.