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

Sunday July 9, 2023
We Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Preparing our Hearts

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Welcome and Community Life News

*Opening Hymn: God is love: come heaven adoring **#314**

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Kaleb Nogueron

L.: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

P: God offers compassion to all creation.

L.: With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

P: With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

L.: In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

P: We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.

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.

We Listen for God's Word

*Children's Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus **#348**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Chen

Scripture Readings: Responsive Psalm 23 Sheryl Barton-Hope

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

NT p. 12

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Rest for Weary Souls

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

#671

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *And can it be that I should gain*

#352

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**

Postlude

**if you are able, please stand*

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 children's story.

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

Summer Worship

Please join us for worship every Sunday through the summer months at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a Sunday School offered in July.

Holy Communion will be on Sunday July 30.



Summer Sunday School **NEWS!**

Grades 1 through 6 Sunday School this morning:

***Come and learn about how God loves us
and has a plan for us that is
larger than any of us can imagine.***

*When we trust Him we grow and **THRIVE!***

*Weather permitting, we will be outside today,
taking a look at thriving life on our TPC property.*

*And we will learn how God planned a life for
David that was beyond anything
he could have imagined!*



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.***

Administrator Away

Our Administrator, Nadine, is away on Holidays from Wednesday July 12th.

She'll return on Wednesday, July 26th.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday July 9, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service

Sunday July 16, 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 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.



Do you like to Sing and Learn new things?

You are invited to
Sing Sessions!

When?

The last 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

God is love: come heaven adoring

God is love, come heaven, adoring;
God is love, come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring,
Sing exulting with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation -
God is love, eternal Love.

God is love; whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp are holding
every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching
wings with pain the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love forever
O'er the universe must reign.

Hymn

Tell me the stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me
If he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children
stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing
resting on me:
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me about the disciples
from far and near,
and I will listen among them
eager to hear.
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,
showing the people God's tenderness?

Tell me, in accents of wonder,
how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest
on Galilee,
and how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind

Into the city I'd follow
the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree
high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come un to me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast!'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live!'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright?'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Hymn

And can it be that I should gain

And can it be that I should gain
God's riches through the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?

**Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me? (repeat)**

'Tis mystery all! the immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.

**'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more. (repeat)**

He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me. (repeat)**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

**My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee. (repeat)**

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,

**bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
(repeat)**