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

Sunday September 3, 2023

**We Prepare for Worship**

Prelude: Andante Maestoso

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

**P: We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

L.: Let your hearts be joyful!

**P: We will seek God's presence continually.**

L: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**P: We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!**

L: Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn: *Stand up and bless the Lord*

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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: *Open my eyes, that I may see*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 94:2-15

<sup>2</sup> Rise up, O judge of the earth;  
give to the proud what they deserve!

<sup>3</sup> **O LORD, how long shall the wicked,  
how long shall the wicked exult?**

- <sup>4</sup> They pour out their arrogant words;  
all the evildoers boast.
- <sup>5</sup> **They crush your people, O LORD,  
and afflict your heritage.**
- <sup>6</sup> They kill the widow and the stranger;  
they murder the orphan,
- <sup>7</sup> **and they say, “The LORD does not see;  
the God of Jacob does not perceive.”**
- <sup>8</sup> Understand, O dullest of the people;  
fools, when will you be wise?
- <sup>9</sup> **He who planted the ear, does he not hear?  
He who formed the eye, does he not see?**
- <sup>10</sup> He who disciplines the nations,  
he who teaches knowledge to humankind,  
does he not chastise?
- <sup>11</sup> **The LORD knows our thoughts,  
that they are but an empty breath.**
- <sup>12</sup> Happy are those whom you discipline, O LORD,  
and whom you teach out of your law,
- <sup>13</sup> **giving them respite from days of trouble,  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.**
- <sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people;  
he will not abandon his heritage;
- <sup>15</sup> **for justice will return to the righteous,  
and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*NT p. 206*  
*NT p. 207*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Until the Train Comes”  
\*Hymn: “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”

Dr. Robert Revington

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
His truth is Marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat:

O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As he died to make men holy, Let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
While God is marching on.

### **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: *Crown him with many crowns*

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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**

Postlude: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory arr. Charles Ore (b. 1936)

*\*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!*

**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**

### **There is no Sunday School today.**

Children will remain in church with their families.

### **Rev. Heather Away**

Rev. Heather is away on study leave and then at her cottage  
for her holidays.

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

### **Please Welcome our Guest Preacher, Dr. Robert Revington**

Dr. Robert Revington recently completed his PhD in Church History  
at Knox College in the University of Toronto. In the fall, he will be  
starting a postdoctoral fellowship with Queen's University. He is an  
elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora. Robert is also a  
men's league hockey player and Hamilton Tiger-Cats season ticket  
holder.

### **Administrator Away**

Our Administrator, Nadine, is away on  
Holidays from Wednesday August 23rd.  
She'll return on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Office Telephone Not Working!**

The office telephone is not working. Since Rev. Heather is on  
holidays the calls to the office are being transferred to Sheila Gault's  
cell number. The call goes directly to her phone,  
and if she doesn't answer please leave a message  
and she will return your call promptly.

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elder: Jerry and Jane Easton**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**Sunday September 3, 2023**

11:00 am                      Worship Service

**Sunday September 10, 2023**

11:00 am                      Worship Service



## You are invited to Dan's 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

### **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!



## **CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS**

**Great choir, highly professional leadership, welcoming  
and vibrant church for young and old!**

**Thornhill Presbyterian Church  
271 Centre Street, Toronto  
Text or call: 905-601-1530**

**First rehearsal Sept. 14, 7:00—8:30 pm  
Sunday Call and Worship Service: 10am—12 noon**

### **Partial list, fall literature:**

Anonymous, medieval—Gaudete  
Bach—Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata 79)  
Beethoven—Hallelujah (Christ on the Mount of Olives)  
Bridges—O Savior, Rend the Heavens  
Douglas—Deep Peace  
Fauré—Lord of Our Lives (Cantique de Jean Racine)  
Hayes—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Lay—Prayer of St. Francis  
Liebergen—African Call  
Luther/Tomlin/Schrader—Forever/A Mighty Fortress  
Mendelssohn—He Watching Over Israel  
Newbury—Let the Earth Rejoice  
Wallace—Mansions of the Lord/Last Post  
Willcocks—The Angel Gabriel/What Child Is This?  
Young—Gonna Ride that Heavenly Train

**Director of Music Ministry: Rev. Daniel Werning, MCM, MAR**  
1-week choir-in-residence, Ely Cathedral, Herefordshire, 2014

# Hymn

## ***Stand up and bless the Lord***

Stand up and bless the Lord;  
God's people now rejoice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear God's holy name,  
and praise and magnify?

Oh for the living flame  
from God's own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song;  
now is salvation ours.  
God's love in Christ we now proclaim  
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless God's glorious name

# Hymn

## *Open my eyes, that I may see*

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my eyes: illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my ears: illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my heart: illumine me,  
Spirit divine!



# Hymn

## ***Crown him with many crowns***

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God,  
before the worlds began;  
let all who tread where he has trod,  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose kingdom is at hand;  
from pole to pole let warfare cease  
and Christ rule every land!  
A city stands on high;  
Christ's glory it displays,  
and there the nations "Holy" cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

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Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Source, the End of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!