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**THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday September 10, 2023

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:1-2

Prelude: Solo di Flauto

Filippo Capocci (1840-1911)

*Opening Hymn: *We praise you, O God*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Yoelle Cho

L.: Sing to the Lord a new song.

P: We will worship God, our Maker!

L.: Let us praise God with song and dance,

P: For God is gracious and loving!

L: Let us bring God glory and honour,

P: For God deserves our praise.

L: Let us worship God.

Solo: *Sing Praise to God*

Don McAfee (b. 1935)

Deborah Kerner

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: ***Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)***

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Refrain)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Refrain)

INSTRUMENTAL

And on that day, when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

(Refrain x2)

Worship Your holy name, Lord I'll worship Your holy name - PAUSE
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name

Words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman CCLI License #993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 103:1-5; 19-22

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live[Ⓜ]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

¹⁹ **The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.**

²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

²¹ **Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers who do his will.**

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,

in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely*

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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: *Make me a channel of your peace*

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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: Toccata in G

Wilhelm Pachelbel (1686—1764)

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.

Out TPC Office Telephones are now WORKING!

The office telephone is now working.
Please leave a message and we will return your call promptly.

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Duty Elder: George Huang and Julie Meek

**UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS
AT A GLANCE**

Sunday September 10, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday September 12, 2023

10:00 am – 12 pm ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall & Conference Room

2:30 pm Glynnwood Communion (with Rev. Heather)

7:30 pm Session Meeting by Zoom

Thursday September 14, 2023

7:00 – 8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday September 17, 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!



RALLY SUNDAY

NEXT WEEK is RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday School classes will be starting and we will be commissioning our Sunday School teachers and support staff.



Our theme for Rally Sunday is DISCIPLESHIP

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Rally Sunday, September 17th to discover the many opportunities to share your gifts in our church.



We are resuming a weekly time of fellowship and refreshment after the worship service today, in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you all there!

If anyone is interested in helping serve during coffee hour, please contact Jessica Chapman at chapman.jessica@yahoo.ca



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday September 25th.

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.



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

We praise you, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Hymn

God forgave my sin / Freely, freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain:

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

(Refrain)

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.