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

Sunday October 15, 2023  
**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:27-28*

Prelude: I Love to Tell the Story

Sarah Douglas

\*Processional Hymn: *King of glory, King of peace*

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Welcome and Community Life News

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Yoelle Cho

L.: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

**P: Here God will transform us into disciples.**

L.: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

**P: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.**

L: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

**P: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!**

L: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: At His Name

Joel Raney

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:

***God Is Over All***

God You hold the world in hand  
Mountains move at Your command  
Yet my needs You will provide  
As a father loves his child

**Refrain:**

*God is over all*

*God is over all*

*I will sing for it is well*

*My God is over all*

God You saw the sin in me  
For You reign in majesty  
Jesus died to make me clean  
Jesus rose to set me free

**(Refrain)**

God above all time and space  
You are never far away  
For in Jesus I can see  
How You are a friend to me

*God is over all*

*God is over all*

*I will sing for it is well*

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**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 106:1-6; 19-23

Jeanette Hallworth

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD  
or fully declare his praise?**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are those who act justly,  
who always do what is right.

<sup>4</sup> **Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people,  
come to my aid when you save them,**

<sup>5</sup> that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may share in the joy of your nation  
and join your inheritance in giving praise.

<sup>6</sup> **We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;**

**we have done wrong and acted wickedly.**

<sup>19</sup> At Horeb they made a calf  
and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

<sup>20</sup> **They exchanged their glorious God  
for an image of a bull, which eats grass.**

<sup>21</sup> They forgot the God who saved them,  
who had done great things in Egypt,

<sup>22</sup> **miracles in the land of Ham  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

<sup>23</sup> So he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him  
to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Mark Hayes

Sermon: R.S.V.P.

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *Take my life, and let it be consecrated*

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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: *Your hand, O God, has guided*

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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: I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

Paul Taylor

*\*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. For small children, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing. 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.**



## **Sunday School Classes!**

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

**All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**

## **Nursery Update**

The Christian Education Committee and Sunday School are finalizing arrangements for our new nursery. There is a room located in the CE wing for parents to bring their preschool or younger children. Each child must be accompanied by an adult relative.

Please speak to an usher or member of the Sunday School staff for information.

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

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

### **What?**

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

### **Next Sing Session: 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.

# Thornhill Christmas Assistance

The **Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program (CAP)** was started by local churches in Thornhill thirty years ago to provide assistance to those in need.

It is through community cooperation that we are able to support individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet.

Most importantly, this program gives all of us an opportunity to think locally and serve others in an important way.

Historically, TPC has been a generous supporter of CAP.

We are, once again, inviting you to continue in this important outreach ministry.

You can assist by donating **before Friday, December 1**.

You may use one of the methods outlined in the *“Weekly Offerings and Gifts”* section of the bulletin. Please mark **“Christmas Assistance Program”** on your donation so it can be transferred to the appropriate account.

Your donation will be used to purchase gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart which will be distributed to Thornhill families who live below the poverty line.

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program is supported by Churches in our community.

Although we are a Christian based program, we assist people in need in Thornhill, without consideration of religious belief or practice.



## New Members!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family. If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with Rev. Heather. A brief membership class will be offered to those who wish to learn about the faith.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

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Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elder: Carolyn Adamson and Doug Miron**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### ***Sunday October 15, 2023***

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery - Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

#### ***Tuesday October 17, 2023***

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Chapel & Conference Rm.

11:00 am

WMS meeting in the Fellowship Hall – bring lunch

#### ***Sunday October 22, 2023***

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery - Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service followed by the Opening of the  
TPC Community Pantry

### 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](http://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!**



The Mission and Outreach Committee is excited to be launching a new initiative this fall.

We have become aware that there may be those within our church community who are experiencing food insecurity.

We would like to lend a helping hand and need YOUR help.

We will be creating a pantry cupboard from which people may help themselves to food or household items that they need.

The cupboard will be open every Sunday following worship, starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***Shopping bags are available at the Welcome Desk.***

We are asking you to consider picking one up, shopping for some non-perishable food or household items, and **bringing your loaded shopping bag with you to worship on Sunday, October 22 or any Sunday after that.**

Donations will be needed on an on-going basis.

We know we can count on your support.

Donated items must be within the best before date, not expired and unopened. Here are some suggestions for items to buy:

**Boxed cereal, Peanut Butter, Jam  
Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Canned soup  
Canned meat, fish, and stew  
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice  
Instant coffee, Tea, Juice  
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste  
Bar soap, Toilet Paper, Dish soap...etc.**

# Hymn

## *King of glory, King of peace*

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee,  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast;  
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me,  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.



# Hymn

## ***Take my life, and let it be consecrated***

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days:  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

# Hymn

## *Your hand, O God, has guided*

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written  
full clear on every page;  
our forebears knew your goodness,  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness,  
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten  
to share the great King's feast,  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming,  
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so; in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won,  
and then by earth and heaven  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'