



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday July 21, 2024

### **We Prepare for Worship**

Preparing our Hearts

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

Prelude: *Sonata No. 8*

Gaetano Valeri (1760-1822)

Welcome and Community Life News

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Brodie Francis

L: Great is the LORD;

**P: and greatly to be praised.**

L.: Praise God in cities and towns,

**P: praise God in all quiet places.**

L.: Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

**P: praise God in every valley, on every plain and in the deeps.**

L.: Let us raise our praise with all God's creation;

**P.: We will praise God's holy name, here and everywhere, now and always.**

L.: Let us worship God!

\*Opening Hymn: *When morning gilds the skies*

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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:

*Seek ye first*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Heather-Ann Lowry

Scripture Readings:

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?**

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>4</sup> **These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help

<sup>6</sup> **and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.**

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your torrents;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> **By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”

<sup>10</sup> **As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”**

<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

New Testament: Matthew 6:5-15

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Sermon: When Prayer Goes Unanswered

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *A Prayer is the soul's sincere desire*

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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: *All my hope on God is founded*

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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: *Fanfare*

Georg F. Handel (1685-1759)

***\* if you are able, please stand***

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*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 or sign the guest book in the lobby.

**\*\* \*\*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. Alternatively, we have a well-equipped nursery in the CE wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.***

## Sunday School News!

We have a **Weekly Summer “The Beginner Bible” video series for kids JK-grade 6**

And, of course, children are ALWAYS welcome to participate in all our summer worship services.

***Today, children in JK-grade 6 are invited to Fellowship Hall after the Children’s Time.***

## New Director of Music Ministry

The Director of Music Ministry Search Committee is pleased to announce that Jones Peterson will be joining us effective September 1, 2024 as our new Director of Music Ministry.

Mr. Peterson is currently organist and choir director at the Anglican Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale.

Mr. Peterson is from India and served as organist at Trinity Church (Church of South India) in Chennai for 15 years.

He will be bringing his young family with him to TPC.



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

Messages will be checked regularly while the administrator is away on holidays the weeks of July 17 and July 24.

She’ll return on July 31.

***In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Heather at 416-949-3465***

# Summer Worship

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

Holy Communion will be on Sunday July 28.

## Join the Online Directory!

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have contact information when needed.

**First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.**

If the office has your email, you can then go to [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com).

Click on the bars on the top right, and then scroll down on member log in.

Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandy ([abelpandy@rogers.com](mailto:abelpandy@rogers.com)) and he will upload it for you.

## Great Day Update

To date our congregation has raised \$22,595.50

To be used for repairs and renovations of the church manse.

Thank you to everyone for helping make Great Day a success

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

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elder: Russell Morden and Pascal Atem**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday July 21, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

### Tuesday July 23, 2024

7:30 pm

Board of Managers Meeting – Zoom

### Sunday July 28, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## 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!**

# Hymn

## *When morning gilds the skies*

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awakening cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word, on high,  
the hosts of angels cry:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
their voice in hymns of praise;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth and sea and sky,  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
be this the eternal song  
through all the ages on:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

# Hymn

## *Seek ye first*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!



# Hymn

## *Prayer is the soul's sincere desire*

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
uttered or unexpressed,  
the motion of a hidden fire,  
that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
that infant lips can try,  
prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
the Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,  
returning to the way,  
while angels in their songs rejoice,  
and cry, 'Behold, they pray.'

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
the Christian's native air;  
our watchword at the gates of death,  
we enter heaven with prayer.

O thou, by whom we come to God,  
the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
the path of prayer thyself hast trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray.

# Hymn

## *All my hope on God is founded*

All my hope on God is founded  
who does still my trust renew;  
through all change and chance God guides me,  
only good and only true.  
Love unknown, God's alone,  
calls my heart to be God's own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown, betray all trust;  
what our care and toil establish,  
tower and temple, fall to dust,  
but God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness reigns eternal,  
deep in wisdom, passing thought;  
light and life are all God's splendour  
bringing beauty out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily does Almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow,  
God's desire our soul delighting,  
pleasure leading where we go.  
Love will stand at God's hand;  
joy will wait on God's command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ, the Son.  
Hear Christ call one and all:  
you that follow shall not fall.