



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday July 7, 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: *Contemplation on "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Welcome and Community Life News

## **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Aquiline Yow

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: *Morning has broken*

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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:

*Come, children, join to sing*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

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

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> **He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> **Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> **Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

**Praise the LORD!**

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

NT p. 185

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Solo: *If With All Your Heart*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)  
Jewel Scott*

Sermon: Strength in Weakness: Finding Grace When Life  
Throws Thorns

Lynne Brampton Lidkea

\*Hymn: *Amazing grace*

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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: *Great is thy faithfulness*

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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: *Fugue in G Major*

*Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**\*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.***

### **Rev. Heather Away Today**

Rev. Heather was away last week and today as she serves as a Mentor at a Presbyterian Youth Conference called UpLift.

Teens and young adults from across Canada and Internationally gathered at Brock University in St. Catharines for this 5-day conference where young people strengthen their faith and develop leadership skills for future generations in the church.

This conference replaces Canada Youth and is being run by both the Presbyterian and United Church of Canada.

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

## **Welcome to Lynne Brampton Lidkea!**

We welcome this morning Lynne Brampton Lidkea to the pulpit.

After graduating from Tyndale University with her Master of Divinity degree, Lynne was a counsellor for almost two decades working with non-profit community agencies.

There she supported individuals grappling with anxiety, depression, substance abuse, problem gambling, and relationship challenges.

Passionate about ministry, she actively contributed to Keswick and St. James Presbyterian Churches, culminating in her recent role as the Youth and Family Coordinator at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Markham.

Welcome back, Lynne!

## **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, to watch a “The Beginner Bible” episode on ***Noah's Ark***.

## **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.

**Sunday July 14 - The Sacrament of Baptism  
and the Reception of New Members**

# 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.



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.***

## 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 Pandey  
([abelpandy@rogers.com](mailto:abelpandy@rogers.com)) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

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

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elder: Sandra-Bhikram Lee and Sheila Gault**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday July 7, 2024**

11:00 am

Worship Service

### **Tuesday July 9, 2024**

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Chapel

### **Sunday July 14, 2024**

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Sacrament of  
Baptism

## 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

## *Morning has broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird;  
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass;  
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;  
born of the one light Eden saw play;  
praise with elation; praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day!

# Hymn

## ***Come, children, join to sing***

Come, children, join to sing –  
hallelujah, amen –  
praise to our Servant King,  
hallelujah, amen!

Let all, with heart and voice  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice –  
hallelujah! amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high –  
Hallelujah, amen –  
let praises fill the sky –  
hallelujah, amen!

Christ calls his people friends;  
lost, outcast he defends  
with love that never ends –  
hallelujah, amen!

Loud now our voices raise –  
hallelujah, amen –  
no power can still our praise –  
hallelujah, amen!

On heaven's blessed shore,  
God's goodness we'll adore  
singing forevermore –  
hallelujah, amen!



# Hymn

## *Amazing grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me:  
His word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

What thanks I owe you, and what love  
a boundless, endless store  
shall echo through the realms above  
when time shall be no more.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than  
when we'd first begun.

# Hymn

## ***Great is thy faithfulness***

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain:***

***Great is thy faithfulness;  
great is thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in eloquent witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

***(Refrain)***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***(Refrain)***