



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday August 25, 2024

We Prepare for Worship

Preparing our Hearts

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Ps. 34:8

Prelude: *Psalm 34:6 "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles"* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Brody Francis

L God hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.

P: Let us praise God's holy name.

L.: God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

P: Let us praise God's holy name.

L.: Let us worship the One brings new life and praise God's holy name forever.

P: 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: *In the bulb there is a flower*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84

Jeanette Hallworth

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

² **My soul longs, indeed it faints,**

**for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ **Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah***

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ **As they go through the valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah***

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ **For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² **O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

New Testament: John 6:56-69

NT p. 98

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: *As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom (1984)

Verna Nunez

Sermon: Embracing faith in modern times

Lynne Brampton Lidkea

*Hymn: *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine*

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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: *Joyful, joyful we adore you*

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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: *Sinfonia from Cantata 29, "We Thank Thee, Lord"*

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

**** 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 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.

*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!*

Rev. Heather Away

Rev. Heather is away at her cottage this month for her holidays.

She will return to the office on September 3rd.
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 Lynne Brampton Lidkea
to the pulpit for the month of August.

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!

Special thanks to Dan Werning

Today, Sunday August 25, 2024, marks the last Sunday of Dan Werning's ministry among us.

As a congregation we formally thanked Dan for his music ministry at TPC on Music Appreciation Sunday on June 16, 2024.

We once again thank Dan and wish him safe travels as he flies home to Bangkok to be with his wife Penny.

Au revoir Dan.

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 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.

Children in JK-grade 6 are invited to Fellowship Hall after the Children’s Time on the following days:

August 25

Summer Worship

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



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 August 18 and August 25. She’ll return on Wednesday September 4.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Sheila Gault, Clerk of Session at 905-751-6568.

New Custodian

The Board of Managers is very pleased to announce that **Shadrack Obodai** will be our new Custodian.

Shadrack and Juliet joined our church family recently.

We look forward to working with Shadrack.

We also want to thank Delacey Graham for his excellent service as our Custodian over the past few years.

Delacey will be retiring as Custodian at the end of August.

Shadrack will start in August to allow some overlap and to provide a smooth transition before the busy fall season starts.

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Custodian: Delacey Graham

Duty Elder: Sheila Gault and Brian Solheim

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday Aug. 25, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

Sunday Sept. 1, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

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.

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) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

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
henceforth forevermore.

Hymn

In the bulb there is a flower

In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

***This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore you

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadows, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowering fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.

Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.