

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and
St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry**

**August 2, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
10th Sunday after Pentecost**



**We welcome
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'Jesus Loves Me'

~ Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

All: We look to God for nurture in every season.

One: God is near to all who call out in truth,
and watches over all.

All: We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Opening Hymn:

TBoP #274

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"
**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.**

*His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations "Holy" cry
in joyful hymns of praise.*

*Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never,
never fail through all eternity!*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Mysterious and merciful God, we praise you for abundant life, for the beauty of creation, and the blessings of each day.

We praise you for communities of care, for your guidance and wisdom, for justice in a broken world and for healing.

Your grace satisfies us in every situation, and so, we worship you as the Source of life and love, comfort and courage, as Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God, this day and every day, now and always.

Trusting in your grace and goodness, we confess to you our sins:

Gracious and merciful God,

**In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,
yet we neglect the suffering of others and hold grudges.**

We blame and judge each other

in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.

**Free us from greed and from grievance, and open our hearts so that we may
embody Jesus' teachings and walk in his way this day and always. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven. Forgive one another, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: *(Unison)*

Holy God, your Word is bread for our journey. Send your Spirit so that we may know your wisdom and live it out for the sake of Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm: 17

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

² **From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ **As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

⁶ **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

⁸ **Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

¹⁰ **They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.**

¹¹ They flush me out; now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

¹² **They are like a lion eager to tear,
like a young lion lurking in ambush.**

¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,

¹⁴ **from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.**

**May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.**

¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Musical Interlude: 'On Eagles Wings'

~ Wagner

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

TBoP #499

*Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.*

*Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,
for I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.*

[Refrain]:

*Tell me the old, old story; tell me the old, old story;
tell me the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,
that wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon;
the early dew of morning has passed away at noon. [R.]*

*Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave;
remember, I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,
in any time of trouble, a comforter to me. [R.]*

*Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear
that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul,
tell me the old, old story: Christ Jesus makes thee whole. [R.]*

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology: (Unison) 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One.***

VU #541

Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)

Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus' name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your goodness in the changing times of our lives. For every occasion you have surprised us with a blessing, we give you thanks in the pressures of this present moment, we are grateful for the strength and courage we find, knowing you are present.

Give us wisdom and patience to face a future filled with many questions and challenges. Help us trust in your goodness even when we wrestle with what comes next.

Aware of our own needs and the great need around us, we remember Christ's compassion and offer our prayers for the world, seeking your guidance so that we may do our part to share comfort, healing, and hope.

God of provision and care, we pray for those who are hungry or homeless, and all those feeling the stress of rising prices.

We pray for those who have lost shelter and support in fires or flooding and drought.

Give the leaders in our communities and our nation wisdom and courage to work together to make decisions for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable.

(silence)

God of healing, we pray for all who are sick or in pain in body, mind or spirit, those waiting for diagnosis or treatment, and all who face chronic health challenges. Equip those who offer health care to manage the demands they face and to provide care in kind and compassionate ways.

(silence)

God of the stranger, we pray for those who offer hospitality. Keep us alert to the needs of visitors, strangers and newcomers and open our hearts so that your goodness will touch those we meet.

(silence)

God of comfort, draw near to all who face unexpected sorrow this summer and join with those who celebrate happy occasions, too. Be our bread for the journey to sustain us and encourage us, whatever the days ahead hold for us.

We pray together the words you taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer: *(Unison)*

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Closing Hymn:

"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

MV #30

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the grey whale sings in the sea.

[Refrain]:

***And by the Spirit You and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing To the Maker too.***

***It's a call of Life to the Giver, the waves and waterfalls roar
It's a call of Life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore. R***

***It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees sing along
It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song. R***

***It's a chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings. R***

Commissioning & Benediction:

Wherever you find yourself in the days ahead,
in a lonely place or in the midst of a crowd, watch for signs of God's goodness.
May God our Maker fill you with confidence,

May Christ our Saviour bring you peace and comfort,
And may the Holy Spirit renew your energy to greet the gift of each new day.

Postlude: 'Toccata on Amazing Grace'

~ Pardini

Liturgy: PCC Worship Planner, Aug. 02; Scriptures: <http://www.biblegateway.com> New Revised Standard Update English

Good Morning Everyone!

**May this service be a blessing to you
as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online.**

Welcome! And Welcome Back!

It has been a bit a bit lonely around here, so welcome back Saint A's and St. P's.
And a special greeting is extended today to our friends from Wilmot United
who will join with us in worship at our location for the Sundays in August.
Thank you, Wilmot, for the wonderful worship and your warm fellowship in July!

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters – Carole Peacock and Rose Johnston

Scripture Readers – Helen MacKinnon-Bagnell (Psalm); Cathy Davis (Old Testament)

Audio/Visual - Beth and Shawn Meister, Glynis Martin

Counters - / **Tellers** – Wendy and Ross Mathers

Hospitality and Fellowship – The Kitchen Fairies

**Current Needs
of our Outreach Programs**

The Pantry: hand soap, salt,
butterscotch pudding cups, pasta sauce,
Cheez Whiz, soda crackers.

Breakfast 2 Go: Cheez Whiz , canned
meat and fish; peanut butter;
instant coffee; nutritional drinks;
individual cereal boxes; TP.

**Thank you for your ongoing support
over the summer months.**

Book Table – For the next few Sundays at
fellowship hour, you are invited to browse
books that have been removed from our
library; they are for sale, by donation.
All funds raised will be used to purchase
new titles for you to borrow and enjoy!

A little reminder!

For the month of August the offices will
continue to operate on reduced hours.
See the front of bulletin for days and times.

Continuing weekly outreach

Wednesdays ~ Pantry from 9 - 11 a.m. and **Fridays** ~ Breakfast 2 Go, 8:30 - 10 am.

From Worship & Fellowship Committee:

It's summer, and the living is easy... but we still need a few volunteers to prepare and host fellowship hour following Sunday services. The sign-up sheet is in its usual place on the bulletin board in the Hall entry.

Also, more volunteers are invited to read scripture at Sunday services. You don't have to be a professional orator, just willing and able. If you feel led to take part in this ministry of the Word, please contact Roger Miller at roger_miller@rogers.com. And no worries, if necessary we will phonetically spell for you any unique Bible words like the obscure '*Mahershalalhashbaz*' (Isaiah 8:1), pronounced 'may-her-shal-al-hash-baz'.

From Mission & Outreach – It may seem a bit early to make this annual request, but if this month 'evaporates' as quickly as July did, all too soon it will be back to school time. If you would like to donate school supplies, which will be given to the Pantry and the Breakfast 2 Go teams for distribution, you are welcome to drop them off under the lighted white Mission tree at the entrance of the church on Sundays, or to the Hall during office hours. We are most grateful to you as will be those we serve, who have multiple children attending school in September.

In Rev. Michelle's absence, if you or your family require pastoral care support, please reach out to either

Rev. Richard Bowley (Nashwaaksis United)

at his cell number: **(506) 262-2150**

or

Rev. Ellen Beirsto (Wilmot United)

by text to her cell number:

(506) 474-2324.

An emergency contact name and number is on the church voicemail 24/7.

Parking Reminder

Two parking spots in our lot are designated '24/7' for the Shared Ministry, clearly identified as Minister and Organist only. Please respect their usage.

There is one spot there for anyone displaying a disability permit and several more on Charlotte Street, directly in front of the church.

As our parking options are somewhat limited, extra parking is available
for Sunday services only

at Bright Minds Early Learning Centre, 486 Needham Street,
a 2 minute walk out Carleton Street, just West of the Church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Can't get to 512 Charlotte St. for Sunday Service? We will come to you!

Join us for worship via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287>

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