

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

**August 9, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
11th Sunday after Pentecost**



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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

~ Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: This is the place and this is the time; here and now,
God waits to break into our experience:

**All: to change our minds, to change our lives,
to change our ways;**

One: To make us see the world and the whole of life
in a new light:

All: to fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future.

One: This is the place as are all places;
this is the time as are all times.

All: Here and now let us praise God.

Opening Hymn: "Will Your Anchor Hold" TBoP #744

***Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain? /R.***

[Refrain:]

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!***

***Will you anchor hold in the straits of fear;
when the breakers tell that the reef is near?
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? /R***

***Will your eyes behold through the morning light,
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms all past for evermore? /R.***

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Worship is the doorstep of heaven where the children seek their God, the poor sit at table with their Saviour and the weak are empowered by God's Spirit. This is where love and mercy meet, love and obedience hold hands, and where love bids us welcome: for this is the doorstep of heaven. Loving God, let it be this and more for us today, for Jesus' sake.

Together let us confess our sins:

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all of our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

¹ O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

² **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

⁶ **O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

¹⁶ When he summoned famine against the land and cut off every supply of bread,

¹⁷ **he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.**

¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;

¹⁹ **until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

²¹ **He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,**

²² to instruct his officials at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.

⁴⁵ **that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.**

Praise the LORD!

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Instrumental: 'Jesus the Very Thought of Thee'

~ Berry

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

"When Peace Like a River"

Horatio G. Spafford
(1828-1888)

***When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."***

[Refrain:]

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

***2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. /R.***

***3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! /R.***

***4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. / 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:

Almighty God, we pray for the church set in the word to show how people belong together and how your gifts are given to be shared. Grant that, as we feel for the rejection and voicelessness of others, we may meet Christ in them and bear witness to his transforming love.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the communities in which we live and work; for people under stress and unable to deal with their difficulties; for those who seek comfort in ways which bring no help; for all who are fearful. Give us grace to show by our concern and actions how each is loved and valued by you.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those now hidden from us but at home with you. We give thanks especially for those who have strengthened our weak faith, built up our trust in you, and by their life have drawn us into the life of Christ who died in weakness and reigns in glory.

Together we say:

The Lord's Prayer:

**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:

"Are You a Shepherd?"

MV #126

***Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger while calming our fears?***

***Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?***

[Refrain:]

***Yes, you are shepherd, parent, and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.***

***Holy and living, loving and giving,
God you are with us wherever we go.***

***Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts protects us, and helps us to rest?***

***Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best? /R.***

***Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight. /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: 'Festival Fanfare'

~ Portman

Prayers: *Gathering for Worship* (Baptist Union of Great Britain); Scripture: <http://www.biblegateway.com> New Revised Standard Updated English; Hymn: 'When Peace Like a River' (Spafford, H.G. Source: <http://www.Hymnary.org>)

Good Morning Everyone - Welcome!

***May this service be a blessing to you
as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online.
Please join us following service, for fellowship and refreshments in the Hall.***

Thank you to today's Volunteers

Greeters – Muriel Aitken, Mary Stickles

Scripture Readers – Rebecca Jonah (Psalm); Barbara Cull-Wilby (Old Testament)

Audio/Visual - Beth and Shawn Meister, Glynis Martin

Counters / Tellers - Carole Peacock and Kim Keech

Hospitality & Fellowship - Beth and Shawn Meister, Kim Keech

(Volunteers are still needed for Sundays, August 16, 23 and 30th.)

The sign-up sheet is in its usual place on the bulletin board in the Hall entry.)

Current Needs - Outreach Programs

The Pantry:

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

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

Hall Book Table – After service you are welcome to browse a selection of books that have been removed from our library, for sale by donation. All funds raised will be used to purchase new titles for you to borrow and enjoy.

A Reminder!

For the month of August the offices will continue to operate on reduced hours. See the front of bulletin for staff hours and how to reach either of us.~ *Joanna and Melissa*

Outreach activities continue all summer.

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

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The Worship Committee invites you to read scripture at Sunday services! Don't be shy; prior experience with public reading is not necessary. To participate in this ministry of the Word please contact Roger Miller at roger_miller@rogers.com.

It's not so far away! If you would like to donate school supplies which will be given to the Pantry and the Breakfast 2 Go outreach teams for distribution, you are welcome to drop any off under the lighted white Mission tree at the entrance of the church on Sundays, or to the Hall during office hours. Those who we serve with families, some with multiple children returning to school in September will be most grateful for the support.

In Rev. Michelle's absence, if you or your family need pastoral care, please call either the Rev. Richard Bowley (Na'sis United) at his cell number (506) 262-2150 or the Rev. Ellen Beirsto (Wilmot United) by text to her cell number (506) 474-2324. An emergency contact name & number are always available on the church voicemail 24/7.

Parking Reminder – There are 2 dedicated parking spaces in our lot: Minister & Organist. Please respect this 24/7. There is 1 space to park with a disability permit; several more are available on Charlotte St. directly in front of the church. Extra parking is available for *Sunday services only* at Bright Minds Early Learning Centre (486 Needham St.), a 2 min. walk out Carleton St. which brings you to the West door of the church, corner of Carleton & Charlotte.

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> Passcode: **2023**