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Pentecost 10, July 30, 2023

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 27 "As the deer"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

God of the past, present and future, we wonder at the marvel of your creation. We praise you for gardens growing, birds singing, stars twinkling, for shouts of playful joy and for restful evening sunsets. Such delights around us remind us of your goodness. Everlasting God, you also surprise us with moments we will treasure forever, and with confidence that turns small beginnings into projects that make a huge difference. You promise us a life beyond anything we can imagine, a kingdom marked with grace, love and justice for all. In Jesus' name, by the power of the Spirit breathing within us, we praise you for your love and kindness, and the hope it brings us day by day.

God of compassion, in the same breath we acknowledge that we do not always trust in your power. We see small beginnings and interfere with our own agendas. We attune ourselves to this world's customs and desires to ensure immediate joy, rather than trusting in your love for us, and your desire to show us the delights of life. God, forgive us our failures to live out the mercy we claim from you week by week. Open our hearts to love and permeate our beings with your wisdom. Amen

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon

M.The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

Hallelujah (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Lessons: Psalm 119: 129-136; 1 Kings 3: 5-12 (p.283); Romans 8: 26-39

(p.138); Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-53 (p.13)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 436 "God, we praise you for the morning"

Sermon

The Offertory

The Creed (539) & Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 274 "Crown Him with many crowns"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go Now in Peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Gerry and Nancy Archibald

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Gerry Archibald

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Worship; 10:30 a.m. Worship

We welcome the Rev. Whitney Canning to our services today.

The minister is the Chaplain at Camp Geddie July 29 – 31.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mi'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

Winnie Hartlin, 91, an adherent of St. Andrew's for over 60 years, died on July 28. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Winnie was active in the Ladies' Guild, Explorers and CGIT. Her spouse, Harry, lives at Harris Hall on Baker Drive.

Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories know that Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) don't have much power to stop the occupation. But they are grateful for the protective presence of EAs at checkpoints, refugee camps, schools and remote villages where shepherds watch their flocks. In response to an appeal from local church leaders, the World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Jeanie Lee recently served three months in Bethlehem, witnessing life under occupation, monitoring human rights violations, and listening to stories of Palestinians to share with Canadians upon her return.

Hymn 27

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

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Hymn 436

1. God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer and promise, joy in work and in play.
2. God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.
3. God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears and laughter, help your children to grow.
4. God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend;
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.
5. God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we many know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

6. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,! Christ is Lord of our days!
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Hymn 274

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife or 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.
4. 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.
5. 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!