



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 12, Sunday, August 13, 2023

Service colour: Green

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

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: 325 "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace: (in unison)

O God, we gather in joy on this day of resurrection to offer to you our worship. We bless you for the gift of the sea: its tides picture your constant faithfulness; its depths tell of the deepness of your love; its waves remind us of your power; its mystery speaks of the mystery surrounding you; its nourishment for fish gives us a symbol of the food that you provide for us in scripture and sacraments; its refreshment for swimmers tells of your grace that renews and transforms us. O God, like the disciple Peter, we respond with eagerness to your call to come to you but when the going gets rough and the storms of life threaten to overcome us, our faith begins to sink and we are tempted to throw in the towel. Like the brothers, Jacob and Esau, we sometimes allow envy, rivalry, and ill will to sit in the driver's seat in our speech and actions. Grant us strength in our faith and courage to trust that you can transform us and help us to push back the dark forces of jealousy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Lessons: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22; Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-36 (p.31);

Matthew 14: 22-33 (p.14)

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

Glorify 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: 728 (Tune: 217) "The storm is strong"

Sermon

The Offertory

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 326 (Tune: 277) "Give to the winds thy fears"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Conducting the Service: Darlene Cossaboom

Welcoming Worshipers: Mike Barkhouse

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald **Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Donna Wainright

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

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

The minister is at Iona Church to conduct part of its service.

The Session has appointed Darlene Cossaboom to be our Outreach Coordinator for six months on a half time basis. This will be funded from the John & Vivia Stewart Mission Fund. Welcome Darlene!

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

Mission Moment

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.

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Hymn 325

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep and calm amid the storm did sleep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the waters dark and rude,
and bade their angry tumult cease, and gave, for wild confusion, peace:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, our kindred shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so e'er they go;
then evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Hymn 728

1. The storm is strong; we face the wind.
The water rises; waves crash in.
Where are we now? Where will we be?
There is no mercy on this sea.

2. But you, Christ, you are with us here.
We turn to you in all our fear.
The single word you say is "peace,"
and wind and waves and storm all cease.

3. Who can you be? What power your say
that even winds and sea obey?
Remove our fear of death and harm.
Give us your faith and still our storm.

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Hymn 326

1. Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed;
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.

2. Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears thy way;
wait for God's time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

3. Leave to our Sovereign's sway
to choose and to command:
so shalt thou, wondering, own God's way;
how wise, how strong God's hand!

4. Let us, in life, in death,
God's steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
God's love and guardian care.