



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Service colour: Green

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

Holy God, you call us to worship.

**In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.**

Holy God, you call us to worship you.

**In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.**

Holy God, you call us to worship you, heart, body, mind and soul.

**So we gather to offer you our prayer and praise with joyful thanks.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 298 "Glory be to God the Father"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honour you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Living Word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

Declaration of forgiveness

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 378 "Jesus, Jesus" (all seated)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Song of Solomon 2: 8–13 (p.585); Psalm 45: 1–2, 6-9; James 1:17–27 (p.202); Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23 (p.36)

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: 642 "O Master let me walk"

Sermon based on James 1: 17–27

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 481 "Blest be the tie"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Dave & Ann Campbell

**Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Placing the Bible:** Bill Langley

**Reader:** Darlene Cossaboom

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

### This week at St. Andrew's

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

*The Prayer Circle* of our congregation is a group of people dedicated to the prayerful consideration of anyone who stands in need of prayer for whatever reason. Prayers can be requested by contacting Bonnie McLellan, [fredamac@eastlink.ca](mailto:fredamac@eastlink.ca) or by phone, 902-434-4978. All requests are confidential.

### Mission Moment

At Samuel House, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, vulnerable children receive nutritious food and homework tutoring so that their potential can be realized in a caring Christian environment. Responding to God's call, Csilla Bertalan first opened the doors in June 2003 to welcome underprivileged children living in difficult circumstances. Csilla is grateful to God and partners for their support in transforming so many young lives. She shares, "I am grateful that the PCC has been standing beside us in this mission. Thank you!"

### **Hymn 298**

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!
2. Glory to the one who loved us, washed us from each sin and stain!  
Glory to the one who bought us, raised us up to serve and reign!  
Glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!
3. Glory to the King of angels, angel choirs their hymns prolong;  
Glory to the King of nations! heaven and earth, your praises bring;  
Glory, glory, to the King of glory bring!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! angel choirs their hymns prolong;  
honour, riches, power, dominion! echoes all creation's song.  
Glory, glory, praises to our God belong.

### **Hymn 378**

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
2. Love him, love him, love him in the morning, love him in the  
noontime; Love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down!
3. Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him in the  
noontime; serve him, serve him,  
serve him when the sun goes down!
4. Thank him, thank him,  
thank him in the morning, thank him in the noontime;  
thank him, thank him, thank him when the sun goes down!
5. Praise him, praise him,  
praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime;  
praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down!
6. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

### **Hymn 642**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### **Hymn 481**

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes; each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part, it gives us keenest pain,  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. This glorious hope revives our courage on the way:  
in perfect friendship we shall live in God's eternal day.`