

ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church

A COMMUNITY LOVING GOD BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS

At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study and prayer; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

(* Please stand if you are able, and remain masked while singing)

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*Welcome, Greeting, Announcements
Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration

The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that what we desire is not your will.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

By your grace, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your eyes, and walk in your ways,
in all we say and do to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn: *Great is thy faithfulness*

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Gaelic melody

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

(See Readings below)

God of wisdom, by your Spirit, open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your gospel, and our hands so that we can do your will, in the name of Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

Primary Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV)

Additional Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Luke 9:51-62 (*NRSV*)

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "Called to Freedom" Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross

* Hymn: Will you come and follow me

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Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement:

For more information about how you can give to St Andrew's, click here: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/

* The Offering: (sung)

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We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

O God, we know you to be kind and generous, In response we bring our gifts in gratitude and joy. Pour out your Spirit on these our gifts – and on our lives, so that we might fulfill your will as we live to your glory. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* Hymn: We are one in the Spirit

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: Moderato W. Walond

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples.

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In Worship this Week

Minister: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross Interim Moderator: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Reader: June Young

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Welcome Team

Samina Babar Susan Jess

John Bakkeren Robyn Kirkpatrick Ian Jess Paul Willoughby

Upcoming Worship Services

Join us on Facebook each Sunday at 10:30 am for our livestream services.

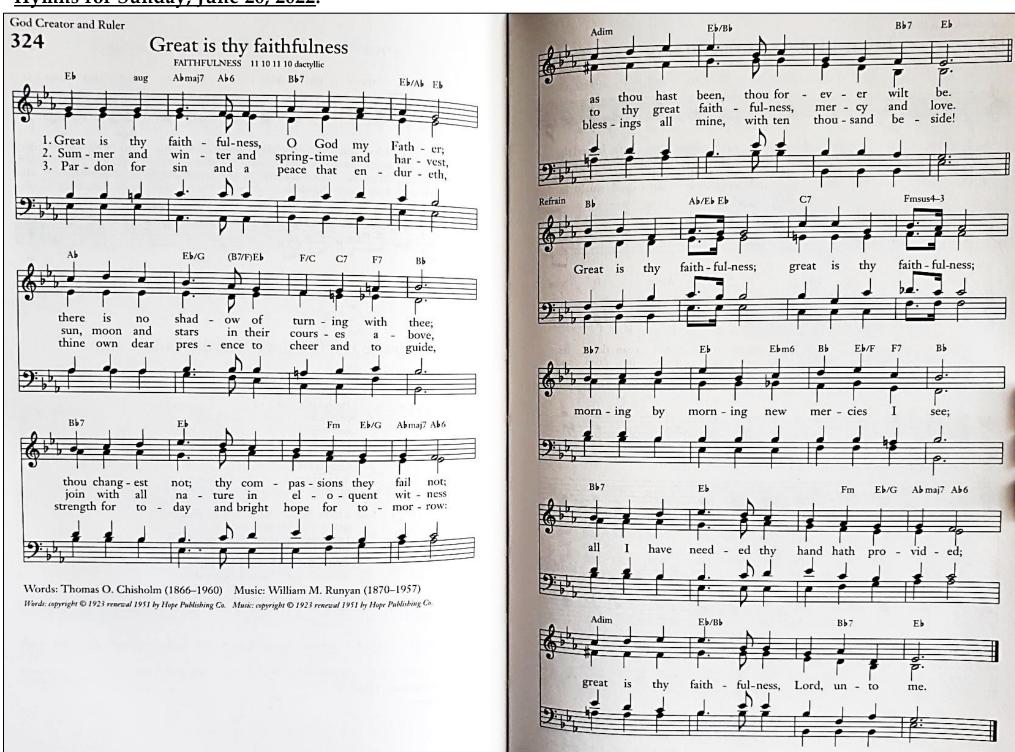
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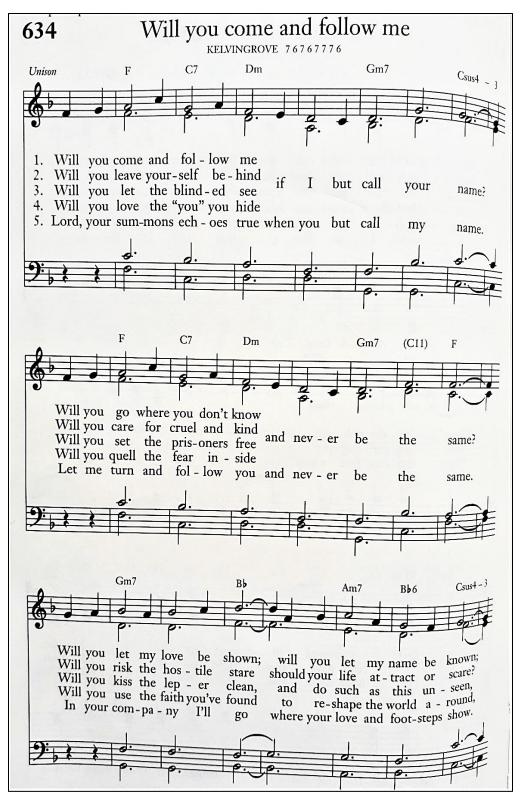
Sunday, July 3, 2022 10:30 am 4th Sunday after Pentecost Canada Day weekend

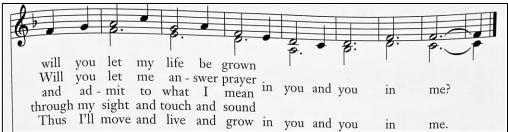
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Sunday, July 17, 2022 10:30 am 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns for Sunday, June 26, 2022:

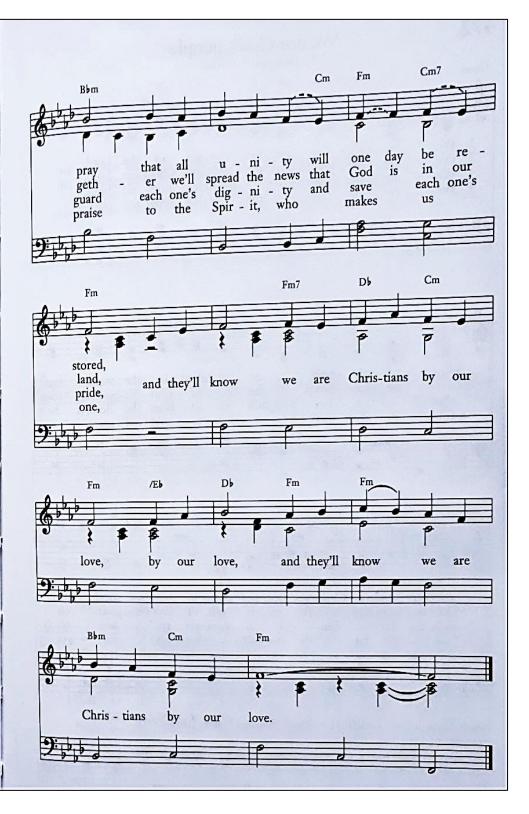








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Readings for Sunday, June 26, 2022:

Primary Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV)

The Nature of Christian Freedom

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Works of the Flesh

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Additional Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (NRSV)

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Additional Reading: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (NRSV)

God's Mighty Deeds Recalled

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Additional Reading: Luke 9:51-62 (NRSV)

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

Would-be Followers of Jesus

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say

farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Welcome to our Zoom Fellowship Time!

St. Andrew's "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

You are invited to join Rev. Geoff and others for our Zoom "Fellowship" every Sunday after the Worship Service at 12:00 noon. Click the link below to join the conversation:

St. Andrew's Zoom Fellowship

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Announcements for Sunday, June 26, 2022

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Online! We're glad you chose to join us for worship today. We hope you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm.

Thank You!

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you for your prayers and concern over the past three months. Knowing that I was not alone during this time - and that you were thinking of me - truly helped. I thank the Rev. Wayne J. Baswick for his support and work during my leave; knowing that St. Andrew's was in good hands was a comfort to me. I also thank Jean Bradshaw and the Session for carrying on the work of the congregation in my absence. I look forward to being back - and to seeing you in church again!

— Rev. Geoff Ross

Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick remains Interim Moderator **until August 31, 2022**. Anyone needing pastoral care may contact him at 905-456-1727. For all other matters please contact our Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at either <u>clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca</u> or 905-455-6573.

Financial Update - Summer Donations

With summer here and everyone starting to enjoy vacation time with their families, we ask that you continue to support the ministries of St. Andrew's. As we carry on with re-opening of the church, our expenses will continue to increase. Currently, the general offerings are down 12% (January 1 to May 18, 2022) compared with last year.

You can contribute by credit card through our website (https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/); mail a cheque to the Church; make an Interac e-Transfer (send to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca); or go on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). See "Giving to St. Andrew's in 2022" for details.

Giving to St. Andrew's in 2022

- 1. Give by Interac e-Transfer. We recommend one of two Electronic Giving options. The first is via your bank's website or app: select Interac e-Transfer, use the email treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the designation for your donation, and enter the amount you wish to donate. It is very important that in the message area, you indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed.
- **2. Give Online.** The second online option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website at https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/. For this donation method, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from the Church. Please print and keep your own receipts.
- 3. Mail It In. The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here, but, due to Covid, cannot be delivered to you at this time. Cheques (no cash, please) can be mailed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3. The mail for St. Andrew's is being forwarded to our Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw; please do <u>not</u> drop off cheques in the mailbox outside the Church Street entrance.
- **4. Join PAR.** You can sign up for PAR, our Pre Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to give in pre-arranged monthly amounts. To register for PAR, click here: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/.
- 5. Need Your Offering Picked Up? To have your Envelope

picked up or to set up a time to drop it off at the Church, please email Jean Bradshaw, Clerk of Session, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or contact your Elder.

