

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 29, 2022

Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is our minister the Rev. Paul Wu.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God.

There are sermon texts and large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and a properly-appointed washroom.

A Note on Our Worship

The symbol ** means please stand if you are able

Forward in Faith — Our Vision

St Giles Presbyterian Church seeks to be a welcoming, fully-alive faith community, which shares Christ's vision for the world and responds in a Christ-like manner to the present-day challenges of our society and world in partnership with all who seek to make Christ's vision for the world a present reality.

St Giles Presbyterian Church

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. The Algonquin peoples have lived on this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

Prelude *Prelude in F* by Ludwig von Beethoven (arr. H.K. Marks)

Call to Worship

One: Let the people of God proclaim the wonder of God's work in creation

All: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

One: Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

All: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

One: Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

All: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

****Hymn: O Lord my God / How great thou art 332**

**1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain***
- 3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin, *Refrain***
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain***

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy, in Christ Jesus you came to live among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. After he suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things. As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation and every situation. So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love, offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You desire us to share in the unity and be one as you are
Three in One. We confess that such unity often eludes
us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to
criticize each other. The love you called us to offer one**

another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity and love you cherish for your followers so we may witness to unity and love in this divided world.

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ –and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a ministry of reconciliation for his sake.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

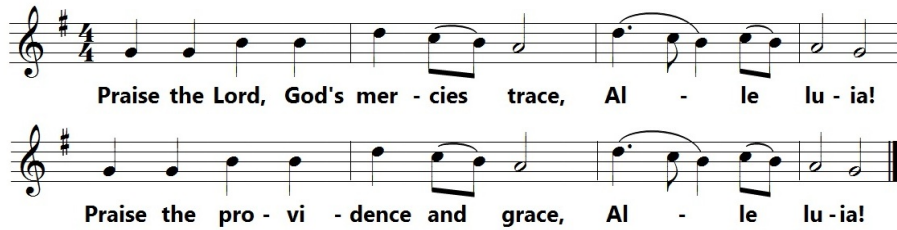
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then

he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (with refrain 1)



O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the strength of the Lord;
seek the Lord's presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments God has done,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.
Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
And the Lord made the people very fruitful
and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts the Lord then turned to hate,
to deal craftily with God's servants.
The Lord sent Moses, a servant of the Lord,
and Aaron, whom God had chosen.
that they might keep his statutes
and observe God's laws.
Praise the Lord! **R**

Second Reading: Luke 14:25-27

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Deep in the shadows of the past**

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- 1. Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads travelled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.**
- 2. While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name,
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
and by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.**
- 3. From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,**

recovered, kindled and expressed
new hope for changing days.

4. For all the writings that survived,
for leaders long ago,
who sifted, copied and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.

Sermon I AM WHO I AM

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Trust and Obey**

1. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

**Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.**

2. Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

3. Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

4. But we never can prove
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: Called as partners in Christ's service 587**

1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment,
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end.

2. **Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together,
Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

3. **Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

4. **So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.**

Benediction

Postlude *Air for Trumpet* by Georg P. Telemann

Summer Joint Services

For the past number of years, St. Giles has cooperated with a few of local area congregations to hold joint services in the month of July and early August. It is a great opportunity to visit these congregations, and to fellowship with other Christians. You could join these services online or in-person. A complete schedule is included on the bulletin insert.

Recommendation on Masking

The Session of St Giles, in consultation with the Finance & Maintenance Committee, is recommending that members and adherents of the congregation should continue to wear masks when attending services at St Giles, in our efforts to protect those who may be immunocompromised. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Session on a monthly basis.

Our Events

Monday, May 30 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, June 2 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, June 3 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be studying the book of Joshua, chapter 4, by teleconference.

Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8

General Assembly

Sunday, June 12

Holy Communion