

# **St Giles Presbyterian Church**



**Remembering Dr. Pauline Brown  
(1925–2023)**

**June 10, 2023**

# Order of Service

Minister – Rev. Paul Wu

Organist – Heather Rice    Vocalist – Katie Gratton

Prelude: xxx

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end.

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.

Preface

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in your mercy you sent Jesus Christ to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. He lived our life, he died our death, he rose again to give us new life and hope. He proclaimed to us that he is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Christ, though they may die, shall yet live. Such a mystery of death and life is too wonderful for us to fully comprehend, so to you God, we give our thanks and

praise. Draw near to us as we draw near to you and speak to us of your steadfast love, from which not even death can separate us.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, whose loving kindness endures forever. We confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to pardon and to accept pardon. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. Gracious God, forgive us, heal us, free us and renew us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

### Assurance of Pardon

On the day of resurrection, our Lord declared peace to those who had been shattered by his death. To all who have turned to God, trusting in Christ as Lord and Saviour, the same risen Christ says to you in the midst of your sorrow "Peace be with you."

**\*\*Hymn:** O God beyond all praising **448**

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;  
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flow'r of earthly fragrance in time, must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender, to you the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature, the eternal seed is sown,  
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ the man from heaven, from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given, the final victory.**

**Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Memorials:

Dr. M. Wilma Welsh  
The Rev. Andrew Johnston  
Stan Currie

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11

Psalm 22: 22-26 (with refrain 1)

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

**\*\*Hymn:** Shall we gather at the river

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**Shall we gather at the river?  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God**

(Refrain)

**Yes, we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace** (Refrain)

**Yes, we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God** (Refrain)

Sermon: A Cloud of Witnesses

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Brother, sister let me serve you

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**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*\*Hymn:** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

- 2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

Blessing

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