

Joint Worship Service
Hosted by
St Giles Presbyterian Church



August 20, 2023

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: *Little Prelude on St Agnes* by Winnagene Hatch

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let the people praise God;

All: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

One: Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

All: For God guide us all with justice and equity.

One: Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

All: Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise.

****Hymn:** Joyful, joyful we adore you

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Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, you make all things new. You invite all people to receive your blessing. Justice and right relations have their source in you. We are filled with joy to be counted among your children. As we gather, make us one in witness and worship. Together, we lift our voices to proclaim your all-encompassing love. May our praise join with the praise of all your people, and reach the ends of the

earth, for you are our Maker and the hope of the world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

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Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say, be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1–2, 6–8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

Happy is the mortal who does this,
the one who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67 (*with refrain 2*)

O God, be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Second Reading: Matthew 15:21–28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Come, thou fount **by J.W. Burnam**

Sermon Throw it to the dogs

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Seek ye first **625**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: **830**

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

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

...

we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God,

...

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God,

...

almighty God, for ever and ever.

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. Amen

****Hymn:** All who hunger, gather gladly **534**

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn:** Sent forth by your blessing **775**

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

Postlude *St. Anthony Chorale*

by Josef Haydn



St Giles Events

Monday, August 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Wednesday, August 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session meeting

Thursday, August 24 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice



Condolences

It is with regret that we learn of the passing of Marilyn Elizabeth Brien, on July 12, 2023, faithful member of St. Giles. Our condolences go out to William, Kim and Shelley and the rest of the family. The funeral service was held at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry on July 19, presided by the Rev. Paul Wu. May God be merciful and watch over the family.



Archival Committee: An Update

The congregation is aware that the Archival Committee has assembled an inventory of St. Giles historical items, some located at the church, and some located at the Ottawa Archives. Our challenge now is to organize this material (records, bulletins, reports, photographs, anniversary events, the Exhibition Booth, etc.) by time period. We are in the process of hiring a student from a local university to assist us. Developing a digitized, accessible storage will be important.

In addition to the inventory at the church and at Ottawa Archives, many of our homes have significant historical St. Giles information. We would appreciate having members consider donating some of your holdings to the church, thereby enriching what we already have. If you can assist, please bring your items to the church office. Should you wish further information, please contact a member of our Committee (Rev. Wu, Isaac Ives, Kate Ferguson, Don Tate).



Thank you.



Community Announcements

St Giles Art Exhibition ~ African Textiles

The next St. Giles art exhibition will feature textiles from Africa. They will be on display from July through to September. If you have any lengths of cloth from any country in Africa that we could select from for display in the Sanctuary, please drop it/them off at the church office with your name attached or contact Laura Brandon at laura@laurabrandon.ca to arrange a transfer time.

Thank you!



Our Daily Bread

The most recent printing of "Our Daily Bread" for October/November/December 2023 has arrived. Copies can be found at the front of the Church. Please help yourselves to a copy. Enjoy.

Mission Moment

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others.

Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated

to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.



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