

Weston Presbyterian Church

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September 8th, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (sung 3x):

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*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy, Lord.*

Reading from Living Faith 8.1.3 (responsive):

Life in Christ brings joy, liberty, glory.
But it also brings conflict
with unbelief, fear, and temptation.

**Throughout our lives
we struggle with disheartening difficulties.**

Yet the Holy Spirit helps us
and gives us power to grow in Christ.

**While we are far from perfect
yet our lives can be pleasing to God
and helpful to others.**

Let us worship God!

Hymn: *“We praise you, O God”*

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Prayer of Approach

The Lord’s Prayer (use debts and debtors)

**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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: “*Take up your cross*” 211

Offering and Offering Response: “*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.*

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**Gracious Lord, in your hands we are shaped
and through your goodness
we receive everything we need for our well-being.
With joyous thanksgiving,
we offer these gifts and our very selves
in the hope that they may serve you as you will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (responsive):

Loving God, we thank you for the whole of our lives,
for your grace in Christ,
and for your faithfulness in the Spirit.

**Shape our lives in true discipleship
as those whose ears are open to your voice
and whose hearts are filled with your love.**

Ever-just God, let us see your peace reign in the world.
Where there is now conflict and violence,
may a spirit of reconciliation begin to grow.

**Give leaders everywhere
the will to end the suffering of their people
and to promote the well-being of all.**

Do not let us forget those who are dealing with natural disasters, especially the people of the Bahamas.

Ever-near God, empower us in our community to end racism, violence, prejudice, and greed.

Give people the opportunity to work with dignity and for just wages;

give youth hope for the future rather than despair.

Help us to ensure that the schools are safe for children and that all of them will find the nurturance they need.

Gracious God, be in our midst powerfully so we may meet the challenges in our neighbourhoods as those equipped by you.

Encourage us to pursue discipleship seriously, growing together in Christ and serving those with whom we live.

We pray for all who have health concerns; uphold those who are undergoing tests of one sort or another. Increase the trust and patience of those wrestling with household challenges, relationship difficulties, financial pressures.

And show us as a congregation

how we may reach out effectively in our ministry.

May your love shine through us to all whom we meet.

Let us be instruments of your blessing

to one another and to those we name now before you in a quiet moment...

For all your majesty, O God, we praise you; yet even more we rejoice

that you want to know us, that you care for us,

and continue to shape us in the image of your Beloved, Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray all things. Amen.

Call to walk in the Spirit (responsive):

Let us go into the world with peace in our hearts,
as those who love the Lord.

**We will love the Lord our God
with all that is within us
and will love our neighbour
as we love ourselves.**

Sung Benediction

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong.'

Let the poor say 'I am rich.'

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks. Give thanks.

"Sing Amen"

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Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen,

amen, we praise your name, O God.

Silent Meditation (We leave to share the good news.)

Organ Postlude

***Welcome to our service of worship this morning.
Thank you for joining us. We hope you will come to
Lower Creelman Hall for refreshments and a time of
fellowship after the service.***

***If you are here for the first time, please sign our
guest book at the Cross Street entrance.***

***May God richly bless you and make you a blessing
to many.***

Mission Moment - International Literacy Day

With *PWS&D*'s support, children living in the neighbourhood surrounding Guatemala City's garbage dump are accessing education at the Francisco Coll School. Students who excel qualify for scholarships to further their education. Other graduates pursue vocational training in order to achieve employment, a dream otherwise unachievable. A student from Francisco Coll will be continuing her studies in business administration at university. Her words of thanks are a testament to the importance of the project that is equipping students to pursue their dreams: "I give you thanks because with your extraordinary effort I will have a better future full of more opportunities to be able to help my family and grow professionally."

PWS&D builds bright futures through education.



Stewardship Moment

Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman.

Lloyd Shadrach

UPCOMING

Tuesday, **September 10** – *Presbytery of West Toronto*
Morningside-High Park PC - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, **September 11** – *Worship Committee*
Church House – 1:00 p.m.

Readings for September 15th

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Knowledge of the Lord lacking

Fools say...

Being grateful for mercy

The true vine



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