

PENTECOST



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 23, 2022

Pentecost 20 / Generosity Sunday

Sunday, October 23, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Sonata No. 6" T. Arne

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 522 "As We Gather at Your Table"

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 169

*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading Sirach 35:12-17

Psalm Anthem "O How Amiable" R. Vaughan Williams

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Who Shall We Go?" p. 171

*Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 678 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Blessing of the Harpsichord

Solo with Harpsichord "Thou Art Gone Up on High" G.F. Handel

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 695 v. 1,2 "As Saints of Old"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 172

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 173

*Thanksgiving at the Table VII p. 67

*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in heaven...")		p. 173
Lamb of God		p. 174
Communion Hymns 496, 482		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 823	<i>"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"</i>	
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	<i>"Toccata & Fugue in F major"</i>	D. Buxtehude

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Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Guest Organist: Sarah E. Cardwell, Director of Music, Mount Zion, Waterloo

Soloist: Laura Moolenbeek

St. Matthews Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Mount Zion Choral Scholars: Hannah Swiderski, Zack Evans-Whitley

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Bruce, John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Today we welcome the choir of Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo. We are delighted to join forces and make music together. The Celebration Bells will visit Mount Zion congregation on November 13.

Harpsichord dedication

Last year St. Matthews was the grateful recipient of a Sabathil & Son one manual harpsichord constructed in Vancouver, British Columbia, but home to owners in Kitchener for many decades since its creation in 1970. Like many Sabathil instruments it is not an historic copy of a period instrument, but rather a modern design with a lightweight aluminum frame which assists in keeping the tuning and functionality up to par in a public environment such as St. Matthews sanctuary.

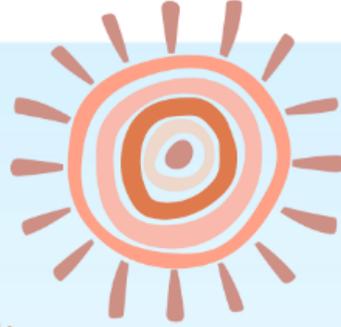
The gift of this unique instrument allows for performances of chamber works with early instruments. Modern flutes, pianos and trumpets are typically tuned to the pitch of A440. This harpsichord is tuned with a pitch of A415 which is approximately a semitone lower than usual. Pastor Sebastian has “tuned down” his violin to accommodate the difference. We look forward to future opportunities to collaborate with Baroque music specialists.

Today we dedicate this harpsichord to God’s glory and praise in memory of Alfred Horst Durichen (1941-2019), a community musician who loved early music, organ music and singing in church choirs. Alfred had a particular attachment to the Sabathil harpsichord and would delight in hearing its delicate timbre in this space. We remember Alfred’s support and encouragement of emerging artists as we bless its use for worship and chamber music.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be again presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Coffee Hour** has resumed, organized jointly with UNA Church.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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Intergenerational Services

Reign of Christ - Nov. 20

Christmas Program - Dec. 11

Sunday School

Reformation Sunday - Oct. 30

All Saints Sunday - Nov. 6

Advent - Dec. 4



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General Announcements

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Dear Congregation Members, We thank you for your patience with the broken phone system. Quotes are coming in and once the decision is made on what company to go with, we'll have a better understanding of the timing of when the phone will be operational again. Another update will be sent out once we have that information. Thank you, Ron Roeder and Kim Schaner.





St. Matthews & UNA Present

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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