

Worship Notes

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering, virtual or otherwise, we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

In our prayers Frank, Susan, Dolly, Judy and Bernice.

Guides to Worship for today's service have been dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Andrea Johnston who entered Life Eternal 34 years ago on August 20. This gesture has been made by Judy, Brad and Charity Johnston.

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Due to the pandemic, all services, gatherings and meals at the church are cancelled. The office is closed to the public and the building locked 24/7. Even though the government of Ontario has allowed for churches to re-open on June 12th, the St. Matthews Board has determined it is still not safe to do so, and thus the church building will remain closed until mid-September at the earliest. A task force will be working to establish guidelines for us to reopen safely.

Our focus has shifted towards meetings online and via phone. Above all, we pray for each other and trust in God, whose mercy endures forever.

You can follow updates on our Friday email blast, website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, by listening to the Golden Hour on FaithFM or by contacting us or Leanne (see last page).

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Pastor Carey is on holidays August 17 to 23. Pastor Sebastian is back starting August 17. Deacon Scott will be on holidays August 24-30.

Zoom service of Holy Communion, this time from the Sanctuary! Join Pastor Sebastian for a brief service of Holy Communion on the Zoom platform on Tuesday, August 25th at 7 p.m. Check the poster on the e-blast for more information.

St. Matthews YouTube Channel: Are you missing our beautiful church and the sanctuary? A St. Matthews YouTube Channel was created to provide you with some visuals and a playback option for worship music clips and other goodies. Content will continue to be added. Check it out and subscribe to our page.

Join our mailing list: Get the weekly order of service, announcements, the newsletter, the Annual Report and email updates on upcoming church events, reminders and service changes. Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

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