

Worship Notes

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

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

The Golden Hour broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of parents Wellington & Ruth Heimpel, brother and sister, Gary and Marlene Heimpel, by Bev and Ron Roeder.

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

Pastors Carey and Sebastian are on holidays from July 27 to August 16. In case of pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Claudine Carlson at 519-501-3759. She will be leading worship next Sunday, August 16.

Today's Holy Communion - Some helpful instructions:

- Please note that participating (just like in a normal service) is completely optional.
- Prepare yourself spiritually as you would for a regular service of Holy Communion
- To make it special, I suggest that you, prior to the 11 a.m. Golden Hour service:
- Set down a nice tablecloth, or large napkin.
- Place a bun or piece of bread on a nice plate.
- Pour some grape juice or wine into a nice glass.
- Light a candle.
- If desired, recite the Words of Institution (“In the night in which he was betrayed”) along with the pastor (you can find the text in the Hymns document).
- When invited to, eat the bread, and drink the cup

The Re-opening Task Force has been busy over the summer working on the Policies and Procedures documents which will be used as guidelines for when worship service will be held inside St. Matthews building again. Before we do that though, we want to hear from you and hear how you are feeling about returning to worship inside our Sanctuary. Please watch for a short survey that will be coming your way either by mail or email sometime in the week of August 17th. We ask that you please take the time (should only take 5 – 10 minutes) to complete it and return back to St. Matthews. If you are not already on the email distribution list and would like to get on it, please contact Leanne to be added. The task force will be compiling the information to help make returning back to our beautiful sanctuary as easy as possible.

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.

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