

## **Worship Notes**

**The welcome of baptism is for all God's children.** This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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

**The Guide to Worship** is sponsored in loving memory of Bill Kruse (June 28, 2004) and Phyllis Kruse (September 20, 2015) by Leah and Greg Kruse.

## **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 reopen 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

**Are you feeling isolated?** Would you like to connect with the pastors? Pastor Carey and Sebastian continue to be available through phone conversations and zoom chats. Now that some restrictions have eased, we are considering a few porch visits starting with people who feel most isolated. If you might be interested in a porch visit please let one of the pastors know and we'll figure out a way forward. Hang in there. This is a difficult time but we'll get through it together.

**Deacon Scott** will be on vacation from June 22 to July 5, 2020. Pastor Carey will be on holidays from June 29 to July 5.



**Zoom Holy Communion**  
Wednesday, July 8th at 7 pm  
We will meet on Zoom for an intimate meal of Holy Communion.  
The Zoom link can be found in the poster included with this week's E-blast.

**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](mailto:info@stmattskw.com) today!



**The Garden:** Community Gardens are an essential service to provide fresh food. We are fortunate at St. Matthews to have two small plots on Church Street started during VBS 2018. During the past few weeks, the gardens were prepared by the Sue, Mike and Delaney, while Karen and Mel planted and installed a custom made box.

Linda and Laura did some planting and signage has been installed. Currently, the garden has kale, rhubarb, beans, tomatoes and peppers. If you are interested in helping to plant or water as the season moves forward please contact Karen Farrell to make arrangements on how this can be done in a safe and physically distant way.

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