

**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

*(in building: please no singing,  
\*indicates the assembly stands)*

**Gathering**

Prelude "Ar hyd y nos" F. Stoldt

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Hymn 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Blessings" M. Burrows

**Word**

First Reading Joel 2"21-27

Psalm 126 *(said responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 151

\*Gospel Reading Matthews 6:25-33

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 678 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"  
*(said responsively by full verse)*

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

**Meal**

Offering Hymn 184 "Let the Vineyards"

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 152

\*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 153

\*Thanksgiving at the Table I p. 130

*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father in heaven...</i> )	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymns 469, 689	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
Blessing	
Hymn 681	<i>"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"</i>
Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Nun danket alle Gott"</i> S. Karg-Elert

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**Welcome** to worship this morning, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

**Today's readings reflect two of the strains** that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Jim Treusch

**Diaconal Minister of Music :** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

**Vocal Ensemble:** Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler

**Radio Operator:** Gary Pootz

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

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## Worship Notes

**Communion:** For those wanting to receive, you will be given Communion in one kind (host only). You will be ushered to the front starting with the side aisles. Leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. Stop 2 meters from the pastor, at which point the pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you." Step closer to the pastor and a wafer will be dropped into your outstretched hands with tongs, taking care not to touch you. **Take the wafer back to your seat to commune there. Remove your mask briefly and then put it back on.**

Those seated on the side aisles will come up first, followed by those on the centre aisles. Those in the balconies can come whenever they want (although not using the radio tower staircase). The directional flow will stay the same (up the front aisle, and back down the side aisles). Those on the piano side aisle must circle around the pulpit side to return to their pew as the **choir area is off-limits.**

Alternately, you may choose to bring your own bread and wine and consume these in your seat (at the same time as those at home are invited to).

**In our prayers** Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank, Judy and Bernice.

**The Golden Hour** broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of Margaret and Sam Weicker, by Donna & David Weicker.

**They had too few years together, but much happiness.** The Guides today are in memory of Peter Howell, Oct 2, 1926 to Oct 9, 1981 now joined by his wife Judy, Nov 25, 1935 to Sept 23, 2021. Sponsored with love by brother Bill Boltz, sister Wendy Hodgkin and their families.

### **Important Information for today's worship**

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Children** are welcome to attend, but must stay with you/ your family in your seat at all times. Information about a potential Sunday school will be forthcoming.
- **Personal belongings:** All items must remain with you at all times
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **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, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not stop to talk and mingle at any point inside, and maintain physical distancing even until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.

- **Washrooms:** Available for emergency use only. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Sunday school rooms, Scout Hall) is not permitted
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Music** will be provided by a variety of groups, including soloists, a chamber choir and the handbell choir.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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**Outside Hymn-Sing!** Since we are not able to sing together in the building, those of you who are willing, can join with the Pastor after worship in the parking lot and sing together our Sending Hymn (with 2m distance). The words are printed here:

## We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

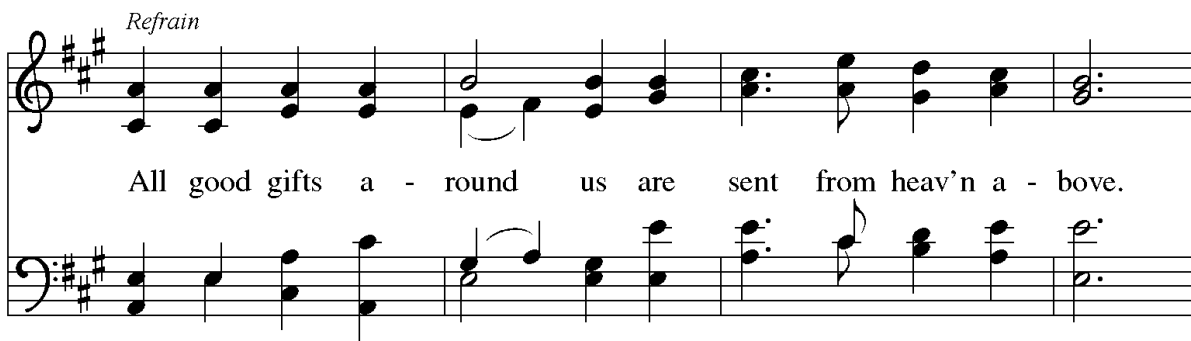
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
 Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

## General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Our building is now open for worship again! Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us. Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked.

Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

**Reserved Parking:** On Sunday mornings and other worship services, please *only* park in the 6 spots nearest the office entrance (including the "pastor" and "music director" spots), closest to the wall of the church if you are someone with mobility issues, or a parent with a stroller and young children. Our pastors and our music director come early enough to find a parking spot elsewhere. This is a transitional measure prior to installing permanent signage.

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

**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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October 4th, 2021

RE: Update on Property Sale of 39/51 Church St. (NO RESPONSE REQUIRED)

Dear Members and friends of St. Matthews,

In accordance with the congregation's approval at the March 21st, 2021 Annual Meeting, for the Board of Directors to act on the congregation's behalf to sell the properties at 39 & 51 Church St, we have some good news to share!

On Sept 30, 2021, the conditions on the Offer to Purchase and Sale were lifted and signed by the Purchasers, which was acknowledged and signed by myself and our Board Vice President. The closing date is Nov. 24th, when the purchase of 39/51 Church St. will be final and details of the sale will be public knowledge.

Thank you for your patience during this time of due diligence.

*Kimberly Schaner*

Kim Schaner,

President of the St. Matthews Board of Directors

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