

# St. Matthews Foundation Sunday

Sunday, October 17, 2021

*(in building: please no singing,*

*\*indicates the assembly stands)*

## Gathering

Prelude      *"Fugue on the Magnificat in the Sixth Tone"*      J. Pachelbel

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness      *(see page 3)*

Hymn 825      *"You Servants of God"*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Music for Reflection      *"Fugue in A minor" (Part 1)*      J.S. Bach

## Word

First Reading      Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Psalm 101:1-9, 24, 35b

*(said antiphonally by full verse, piano side beginning)*

Second Reading      Hebrews 5:1-10

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

\*Gospel Reading      Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 400      *"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

*(said antiphonally by full verse, piano side beginning)*

\*Apostles' Creed      p. 217

Music for Reflection      *"Fugue in A minor" (Part 2)*      J.S. Bach

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

\*Peace

## Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving 975 (see page 4)

*“O God, Whose Word Well-planted”*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

\*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*)

p. 221

## Sending

General Announcements

Blessing

Hymn 729

*“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”*

Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“Chaconne in F”*

J. Pachelbel

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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 gospel starts with disciples obsessing** over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God’s take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God’s community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray “your kingdom come” we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be ..

God our comforter:

**A.: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

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### **Leading Worship Today**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnerreit

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

**Choral Scholar:** Jacob Steinmann

**Radio Operator:** Erwin Neuhof

**Building Monitor:** Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

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# O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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## Worship Notes

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

**The Golden Hour Broadcast** today is sponsored In loving memory of Ervin Grody who entered Life Eternal October 22, 1979 and Violet Grody who entered Life Eternal Aug 25, 1988 by daughter Doreen Wilkinson, and family.

and

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Leslie Bucholtz, by Barbara and family.

**The Guides** for today's services are sponsored in loving memory of Jean and Klaudy Humar who entered Life Eternal October 18, 1984 and March 7, 2008, by daughters Sylvia, Linda, Julia and families.

**Today we celebrate the 37th anniversary** of the St. Matthews Foundation, an organization created in 1984 to receive donations and bequests from good people like yourselves, and prudently invest these gifts in a low-risk manner that both maintains the original gift in perpetuity, as well as providing financial support for St. Matthews via the investment income these gifts have, and will continue to, generate over the years. We are in the midst of a journey of re-defining & re-imagining our future here at St. Matts, a journey that the Foundation has already been able to make a significant contribution to, and stands ready to help with in future. To aid us in this vital mission, we humbly ask you to please consider making a donation to your Foundation today, either by using the Foundation Sunday Envelope at the back of the church (**Please make cheques payable to "St. Matthews (Kitchener) Lutheran Foundation Inc."**), visiting the St. Matthews website, or emailing [foundation@stmattskw.com](mailto:foundation@stmattskw.com).

## 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!**

## 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.

**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:

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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.

Kim Schaner,

President, The St. Matthews Board of Directors

**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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