

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 31, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 589 *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

Holy Baptism p. 227

Baptismal Acclamation 212 *"You Belong to Christ"*

*Baptismal Hymn 451 *"We are Baptized in Christ Jesus"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"God's Secret Place"*
F. Mendelssohn /arr. Fredrickson

Word

Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Reading Colossians 3:1-11

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 124

*Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 678 *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Offering Hymn 691

“Accept, O Lord, the Gift We Bring”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 705

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Lector: Karen Farrell

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholar: Jacob Steinmann

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers: Bruce, John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.



Baptism of Tanaiya Kai Gem Russell: Congratulations to Sarah and Clinton, parents of Tanaiya, who will be baptized today. Blessings to the family and godparents (Amanda and Sean) as you support and encourage one another in this journey of faith. The communion of saints rejoices with you!

August Hymn Sing: As our prelude before worship, Deacon Scott will lead a short hymn sing of 2 or 3 selections each Sunday in August. You may make a hymn request by emailing deaconscott@stmattskw.com or raising your hand during the prelude singing time on Sunday mornings, starting August 7.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** Starting July 1st, masks will no longer be required at St. Matthews, except until August 1st in the administrative office during office hours
- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **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.
- **Coffee Hour** will be organized on an occasional basis, and dates will be announced.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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.

Upcoming Staff Vacations:

Leanne

July 27 - August 12 (inclusive)

Please note, the church office will be closed during these periods.

Pastor Sebastian

July 25 - August 28 (inclusive)

Pastor Carey

August 1 - September 5 (inclusive)

The guest pastors are Rev'd Bob Hutchison (Aug. 7 & 14), Rev'd Monica Wiesner (Aug. 21) and Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson (Aug. 28).

Rev'd Richard Schwass (519-744-2521) will be on call for pastoral emergencies August 1 - 14.

Rev'd Heike Toeller (519-893-3826) will be on call for pastoral emergencies August 15 - 28.

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

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