

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

September 4, 2022

Pentecost 13

Sunday, September 4, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 810

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1 (see page 4)

(read responsively by full verse)

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

p. 124

*Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 843 v. 1

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cover image and liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB142079

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Claudine Carlson

Guest Organist: David Knarr

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that¹ do not wither;
everything they¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall¹ be destroyed.**

From Sundays and [Seasons.com](https://www.seasons.com). Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB142079

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.

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

Feather & Cross: Along Her Banks on September 10 is a morning to honour the water of the Grand River by walking alongside and cleaning up the trail and riverbank. Join Indigenous knowledge-keeper Mary Anne Caibaiosai at the Stanley Park Optimist Natural Area. More information on our Facebook page or featherandcross.org.

Update on Phone System Outage:

Dear Congregation Members,

We apologize for the length of time it has taken to get the phone system back up and running. We understand the inconvenience this has caused.

There's been many circumstances, such as staff vacations, waiting for responses from companies who might be able to repair the old system, and investigating and getting pricing on a new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), which is the reason for the delay.

We have learned the existing old telephone system cannot be repaired. We are currently getting quotes from two individuals on the VOIP system and we are targeting to have the phones operational by mid September barring there are no delays in getting the equipment that is required.

We appreciate your understanding while we work on getting the telephone system operational.

Kim Schaner

St. Matthews Board of Directors - President

Important Information for today's worship

- **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!**

Contact Information

Office: 519-742-0462

Alt. Office: 226-566-6059

stmattskw.com

Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

pastorcarey@stmattskw.com

Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

pastorsebastian@stmattskw.com

Deacon Scott Knarr

deaconscott@stmattskw.com

Leanne Vanderhout

lvanderhout@stmattskw.com



[Facebook](#)



[Instagram](#)



[YouTube](#)



[Donate](#)



Along Her Banks

September 10, 2022
10am-noonish

Join Mary Anne Caibaiosai, Water-walker, knowledge-keeper, artist and educator along the banks of the Grand River. She will share knowledge gained from completing a four-year journey with the All Nations Grand River Water Walk, and the collective hope for these beautiful waters.

We will honour those waters together and pay our respects to her by holding a day of clean up of the trail and banks.



Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for the teaching portion of the gathering. Please bring your own gloves/ tongs for picking up garbage. Dress appropriately for the weather, the woods and the water.

For more information visit Featherandcross.org or Eventbrite

Intergenerational and family friendly event



**Meet at 19 Crestview Place, Kitchener
Stanley Park Optimist Natural Area**