

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

September 18, 2022

Pentecost 15

Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" B. Adams

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 641 "All Are Welcome"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Just a Closer Walk" D. Besig

Children's Message

Word

Psalm 122 (see page 4) S. Knarr

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

*Gospel Reading Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 597 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*Apostles' Creed p. 217

Music for Reflection "Trumpet Tapestry" J. Utterback

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

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 885 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Thanksgiving for the Word

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 537

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

B. Adams

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Today is "Welcome back Sunday"! Whether you've been attending regularly in-person over the past while, or via livestream, or only occasionally or not in a longer time, welcome back! Jesus welcomes all who are weary, sick or sad into his heavenly embrace. We're glad you are here today!

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Sonia Groh

Choral Scholar: Laura Moolenbeek

Trumpet: Paul Mitchell

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Psalm 122

Refrain



I was glad when they said to me,



"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Worship Notes

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

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** *Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon **entering**.* The offering plates will be again presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **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, please 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.

General Announcements

As we resume activities this September maybe this is the right time for you to join the St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir! Singing brings many benefits to choristers such as increasing your breath control, strengthening of your immune system, releasing endorphins which promote relaxation and more. Choir practices begin on Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 pm. Come and share the joy of music!

Update on Phone System Outage:

Dear Congregation Members,

We thank you for your patience with the broken phone system. Quotes are coming in and will be presented to the Board of Directors on Tuesday Sept 20th. Once the decision is made on what company to go with, we'll have a better understanding of the timing of when the phone will be operational again. Another update will be sent out once we have that information.

Thank you

Ron Roeder and Kim Schaner

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

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