

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY  
GATHERS AND GROWS

September 25, 2022

# Pentecost 16

## Sunday, September 25, 2022

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

### Gathering

Prelude "Trio" L.N. Clérambault

Words of Welcome, Announcements, Land Acknowledgement

\*Litany (see page 4-5)

\*Hymn 704 "When Pain of the World Surrounds Us"

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Way, way, way" (Ojibwe) and "Morning Song" (Cherokee)

Children's Story

### Word

First Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146 (see page 6) (sung responsively)

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 171

\*Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

\*Apostles' Creed p. 105

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

\*Peace

### The Meal

\*Offering Hymn 885 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving	p. 172
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 173
*Thanksgiving at the Table	p. 67
*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father, who art in heaven...")	p. 173
*Lamb of God	p. 174

Communion Hymns 479, 706

\*Table Blessing

\*Prayer after Communion

## **Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 546

*"To Be Your Presence"*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*"Plein Jeu"*

L.N. Clérambault

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**Consideration of and care for those in need** (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**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.

## **Litany for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Leader: In gratitude to God who healed our broken relationship  
by reconciliation through Jesus Christ  
we receive a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation  
as a paradigm for healing broken relationships.

**All: Today we acknowledge:**

Leader: a dark side to the history of Canada.

We settler peoples have reaped the benefits of the land  
by pushing aside Indigenous people in order to seize their land.

**All: Today we lament:**

Leader: the attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada  
through the Indian Act which criminalized the practice of traditions  
and cultures, and mandated the seizure  
and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

**All: Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,  
so we stand respectfully in silent lament:**

Leader: for the children who died while in custody of residential  
schools, died of active abuse,  
died of lonely hearts and separation from family.

**All: Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,  
so we stand in silent respect:**

Leader:               for the families and communities who mourn,  
                          mourn their children who did not come home from residential schools,  
                          mourn the disruption of family and way of life,  
                          mourn the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.

*Pause in silence*

Leader:   In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of reconciliation  
  with us,

**All:                         we commit to walking together in a new way,  
                              acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous Peoples on  
                              this land, living with respect, listening and learning  
  as we move forward  
                              on the path of true reconciliation.**

*by Ron Flaming*

*Truth and Reconciliation Action Group Waterloo North Mennonite Church*

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**Leading Worship Today**

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

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

**Lector:** Nick Cullen

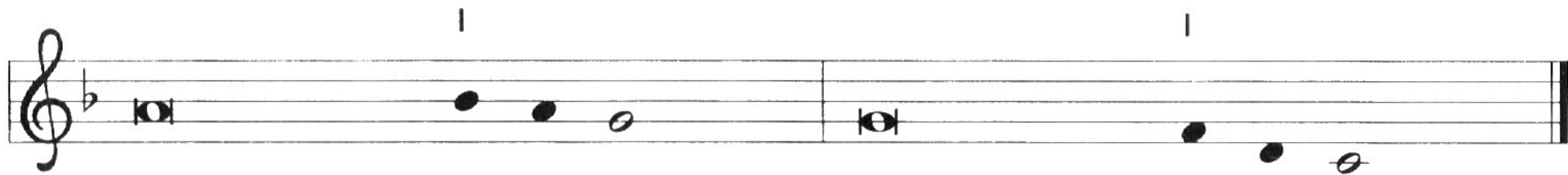
**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Jacob Steinmann

**Broadcast:** Gary Pootz

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

## Psalm 146

Tone 2



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps | promises for-ever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

# 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.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pan-**

## General Announcements

**Land Acknowledgement:** The city of Kitchener in which St. Matthews is located is situated on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We recognize our responsibility to serve as stew-

ards for the land, to honour the original caretakers who came before us, and to work towards reconciliation in the spirit of the friendship treaties.

*Source: Adapted from the Land Acknowledgement for the city of Kitchener.*

**Washrooms During Construction:** There are washrooms available in the church house. Signage has been put up to help with directions. To get to the washrooms in the church house use the stair tower door at the front of the sanctuary. The washrooms are near the office entry door.

**Fellowship Time Resumes:** Join us for fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall on October 2nd.

**Lower Level Sanctuary Demolition:** Demolition will start on Monday or Tuesday (Sept. 26, 27) in the lower level sanctuary . It will be off limits to members.

**Update on Phone System Outage:** Thank you for your patience with the broken phone system. Quotes are coming in and 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.

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