

REFORMATION



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 30, 2022

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Jacob Steinmann

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Worship Notes

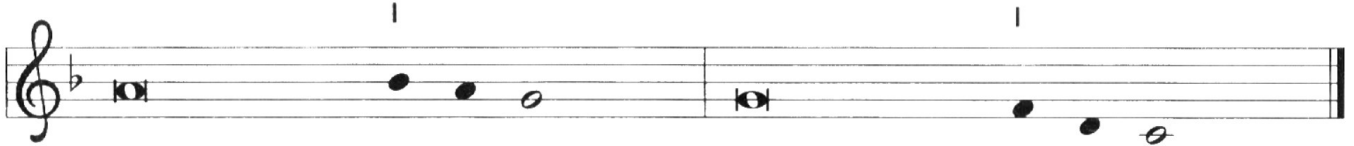
In our prayers Bruce, John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Anthem text: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. God says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations in the earth". The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Today's anthem was dedicated to Corinne Dutton and the Sanctuary Choir of St. Matthews by Waterloo Region composer Jeff Enns, who is currently Director of Music at the Anglican Church of the Holy Saviour in Waterloo. It was made possible through a bequest from the estate of Betty Winkler and commissioned in 2014. Today marks the first public performance of this work - a world premiere!

Psalm 46

Tone 2



¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

A Mighty Fortress

alternate text by Allen G. Jorgenson

Martin Luther



A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield
 A poign - ant po - et is our God, who writes the world
 A wond - rous mid - wife is our God who tends our new
 A rag - ing paint - er is our God who brooks no he -



vic - tor - rious; He breaks the cruel op - press - sor's rod and
 with won - der By spinn - ing words in rain - bow ways a -
 cre - a - tion. God sees us safe in - spir - ing us by
 si - ta - tion! With co - lours fly - ing e - v'ry - where be -



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old e - vil
 bove, be - low and un - der. God's joy com - fort
 giv - ing us a sta - tion. With our place to
 yond i - ma - gi - na - tion. Strong hues draw us



foe, sworn to work us woe, with
 brings wind and thun - der sing for
 be, in God we are free to
 in! Bold lines shat - ter sin! Tex -



dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 just peace to - day. God's Spi - rit is our stay
 serve where we are bright and bear God's love a - far!
 tures, col - ours bright God paints us in new light

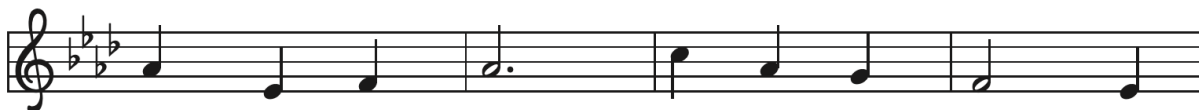


On earth he has no e - qual.
 While reign - ing us with splen - dour.
 So now we are God's pas - sion.
 We are God's own cre - a - tion!

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:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **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** has resumed, organized jointly with UNA Church.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

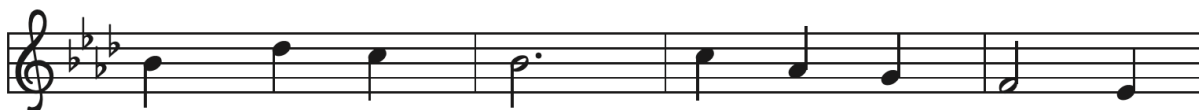
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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General Announcements

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Dear Congregation Members, We 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.

While we work to resolve the issues you can leave a message at our alternate office number (226-566-6059), try calling our office number (519-742-0462) during office hours (although if Leanne is not at her desk or is on the other line, there is no voicemail) or email any St. Matthews staff.

Please contact us in advance whenever possible to pre-arrange a time to be let into the church. We have a temporary doorbell at the parking lot entrance (on the door frame) for use during office hours.

We will inform you when it is back up and running. We apologize for any inconvenience!

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

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

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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