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10 AUGUST 2014; 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome our visitors, and especially our sister congregations from St. Andrew's United and St. John's United Churches and the Presbyterian Church of St. David to today's Service! Join us in the Parlour following worship for coffee and fellowship. Nursery facilities are available. Please see an usher should you need assistance.

OF SERVICE TO YOU TODAY

DEACON ON DUTY: Deacon Marsha Hurshman SEXTON ON DUTY: Peter Doane

USHERS: Frank McGill (Capt.) COFFEE HOUR: Roy and Alma Hayward (St. Andrew's UC)

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

G. Young

***Call to Worship**

- Rev. John E. Boyd

Jesus said "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

What? No bombs, no tanks, no missiles? How will that work?

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Mercy? What about retribution? What about punishment?

Jesus said, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

We are confused. What is this strange teaching? Where will we find help?

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

***Gathering Hymn**

#289 "O GOD OF EVERY NATION"

(LLANGLOFFAN)

***Prayer of Approach**

Loving God, we gather from the diversity of our lives and faith experiences to offer joy-filled praise with one voice. In your presence we find courage to examine ourselves with honesty, to see the world with clarity and to open our lives to the transforming presence of your Spirit. Here we learn to tune our ears to the Gospel and are renewed in our calling to be fully human in the Way of Jesus. Receive our worship, O God, and so fill us with passion for your love, justice and peace that our lives may become the most eloquent expression of our praise; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Anthem

"En Prière" (Prayer)

Favré

Welcome and Announcements

- Rev. John E. Boyd

THE WORD OF GOD

***Children's Hymn**

#367 "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE" (CHEREONI)

Children's Story

- Rev. John E. Boyd

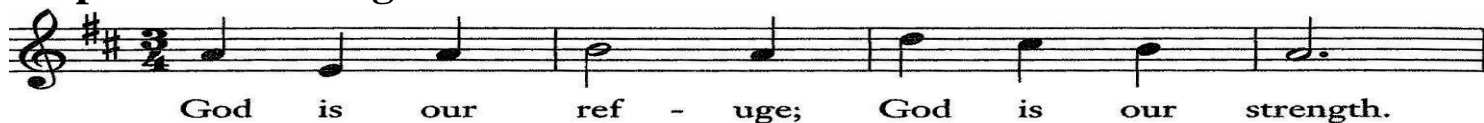
First Lesson

Exodus 21:20-27 (OT, p. 67)

- Frank McGill

***Responsive Reading**

Psalm 133



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore. R

Epistle

Romans 10:5 - 15 (NT, p. 160)

- Marsha Hurshman

***Gradual Hymn**

#450 "O DAY OF PEACE"

(JERUSALEM)

Gospel

Matthew 5:38 - 48 (NT, p. 5)

Sermon *Going the Extra Mile with a Red Face and No Clothes* - Dr. Russ Daye

RESPONSE

Anthem "Ricetta gramezza e pavento" Cta. 209 J. S. Bach
Away with anxiety and dread

***Presentation of Offering** TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer - Rev. John E. Boyd

***Sending Hymn #401** "WHEN WILL PEOPLE CEASE THEIR FIGHTING" (AUSTRIAN HYMN)

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Organ Postlude Masque Bédard

MUSIC NOTES: Our thanks to Jennifer Farrell, soprano, our guest soloist today. Jennifer is a teacher, performer, lecturer, and adjudicator. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts from UBC, has taught at Mount Allison University, and now resides with her husband in Halifax.

OFFERINGS may be designated for either of our congregations through your regular envelopes or by using one of the generic offering envelopes in the pew racks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send to First Baptist by Wednesday noon. (office@fbchalifax.ca)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: *Til the Boys Come Home* - a band and choir concert of music from World War 1 in tribute to Canadians who served in "the Great War to end all wars" at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, tonight, 7:30pm. Tickets at the door.

ORGAN CONCERT: Bethany United Church (7171 Clinton Avenue) presents Organists Shawn Whynot and Patrick Salah for 'A Summer's Evening Concert' on Aug. 20 at 7:30 pm. Admission by donation; refreshments will be served during intermission.

ORGAN RECITAL: by James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, on Aug. 27 at 12:10 pm. Admission by donation in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund.

First Baptist Notices

OUR PRAYER LIST: Rev. Dr. Carey Harvey, Evelyn Denton, Marjorie Fountain, Fraser Dewis, Doris Hilchey, Dorothy Shears, Helen Bethune, Murray Alary, Roy & Bette Yetman, Don Myers, and Gordon Taylor.

BRUNSWICK STREET BREAKFAST: First Baptist's next turn to provide breakfast at the Brunswick Street Mission is **Sat., September 13**. A sign-up sheet is outside the parlour. Please plan to help with this worthwhile outreach program.

VACATIONS: Alana is on vacation until August 18. Marion Doane will be in the office 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Mon. - Friday. Wayne is on vacation until September 2.

St. Andrew's Notices

WEDNESDAY FOOD FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: On Wednesday nights in August at 5:30 pm we are gathering at the Dalhousie Multi-Faith Centre at 1321 Edward Street for a potluck meal followed by worship at 6:15 pm. Here is a link to share what you plan to bring to the pot luck meal: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/FoodFaithFellowship>

ATTN ALL USER GROUPS: St. Andrew's experienced a fire which has closed our building for an indefinite period. Lost in the fire was our scheduling database. We are working on recovering this information and need your help. If you had a booking in any of the rooms of the church hall or in the sanctuary for the remainder of 2014 and/or during 2015 please email saintandrewsspace@gmail.com with details of your booking and contact information for your group. Someone will contact you promptly to confirm your contact and booking details.

HELP WANTED: St. Andrew's community is still looking for people to help prepare, serve and clean up the refreshments for community time following Sunday Services this Fall. IF you can help, please contact Trish Betts (patricia_betts@cbu.ca). Thank you!

St. David's Notices

HOLD THE DATE: There will be a local leaders workshop "Living the Apology" as part of the Healing and Reconciliation process on Saturday, September 27 at Calvin Presbyterian Church 8:45-4 pm. More information to follow.

St. John's Notices

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of the late Margaret Oxner, age 98. The service will be at Snow's Funeral Home, Lacewood on Monday, Aug. 11 at 2 pm.

Worship Schedule

August 17: Pentecost +10

Unexpected Grace – Rev. John E. Boyd

Music: Amanda Seymour

August 24: Pentecost +11

Sermon – Rev. Dr. Russ Daye

Music: Diana Hazelton, soprano

August 31: Pentecost +12

The Bush is Still Burning - Rev. Nelson Metcalfe

Music: Eve Roberts, soprano