

## PASTORAL CARE

*We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:*

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## MISSION MOMENTS Feeding uprooted families in South

**Sudan** Sitting outside her home on a warm, sunny day in South Sudan, the sudden crack of distant gunfire wasn't immediately concerning to Besta. But when the gunshots became louder and more frequent, she grew fearful and her husband decided they must gather their children and flee. Amid a frantic crowd, they ran to save their lives. Now settled in a makeshift shelter, the family was safe, but worried about where their next meal would come from. Besta longs to return to her farm but she acknowledges that the food rations her family received from Presbyterian World Service & Development through a Canadian Foodgrains Bank-supported project have been a source of hope. Despite the hardships she has experienced, Besta is grateful to have something to feed her children. *PWS&D responds to those uprooted by conflict*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for the safe return of the Youth in Mission participants from their recent trip to Taiwan.

**STEWARDSHIP** Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness. -Dalai Lama

**We welcome** younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. **The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **We are 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Phyllis Morrison. Refreshment Host is Elizabeth Cameron and Phyllis Morrison.



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**Organist:** Freeman Dryden

# WELCOME!

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**July 16, 2017 Pentecost 6**

*We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.*

## Our Vision

***A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community***

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## GATHERING



Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

**Call to worship:** *We have come to worship God, all-gracious God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!*

\*Hymn: God of Mercy

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**Prayer of Confession:** *God, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. God, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the*

hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. *God, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us. Renew in us your spirit. God, free us and make us one. Help us fasten our eyes on you, trusting in your vision for our life and in your watchful care. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.*

### PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Isaiah 54: 4-8**  
*One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.*  
Responsive Reading: **Psalms 145: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

\*Hymn: Tell me the Stories of Jesus **348**  
Community Conversation: Eyes of Compassion  
From the letters: **Hebrews 4: 14-16**  
Gospel: **Matthew 15:29-38**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*  
\*Hymn: Love Divine **371**  
Sermon: **'I Have Compassion'**

### RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**  
Offertory Prayer  
Announcements:  
Prayers of the People (please respond to the words 'Lord in your mercy', with **'Have compassion for us.'**) John Wamboldt  
The Lord's Prayer (please use 535 in the Book of Praise)

### SENDING

\*Hymn: God of Grace  
\*Benediction: \*Choral amen  
Postlude:



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**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

Summer services are as follows (10:30 am):  
July 23 at Saint David's  
July 30 and Aug 6 at First Baptist  
Aug 13, 20 and 27 St. Andrew's

**Come and participate! Join us as we show our support in the annual Pride Parade. Meet at Saint David's at 12:20 on July 22 - we'll join St. Matthews at 12:30 to be at the gathering area by 1 pm.**

Again the congregation is saddened by the news of **Robert McKelvie's** death this past week. Our prayers go out to Margie and family at this difficult time and especially remembering she is still waiting to celebrate the life of her mother, Jeanette Guy, who died June 24.

**This is Food Bank Sunday** and we invite you to give generously of items and money for the work of David's Place, especially during these summer months!

#### **Isaiah 54:4-8**

Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;  
do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more.  
For your Maker is your husband,  
the Lord of hosts is his name;  
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.  
For the Lord has called you

like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,  
like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.

For a brief moment I abandoned you,  
but *with great compassion I will gather you.*

In overflowing wrath for a moment

I hid my face from you,  
but *with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,*  
says the Lord, your Redeemer.

#### Hebrews 4: 14-16

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,* but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### Matthew 15:29-38

##### Jesus Cures Many People

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great *crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others.* They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw *the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing.* And they praised the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, *'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.'* The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the

broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

A NOON-TIME ORGAN RECITAL will be given by James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane (formerly Martello Street and Tower Road), Halifax, on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 12.10 pm.

WELCOME to all our friends from St. John's, St. Andrew's and First Baptist. We celebrate these time of worship together and seek the unity and peace of the church.

*The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."* Albert Schweitzer

