

SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH
House of Friendship

September 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)

PLACING OURSELVES BEFORE THE WONDER OF GOD

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Praise Team

♪ Hymn VU 409

"Morning Has Broken"

Call to Worship

Peter Kopplin

One: God calls us into community; May we have the strength to walk where we fear; our ancestors feared yet they walked forward where God led.

All: The God in our hearts is in our neighbour's heart; May we see the path for peace.

One: Jesus, Son and Messenger of God, calls to us now; Come follow me. Jesus moved with the Holy Spirit

All: We overcome our fear with Christ walking at our side. We are grateful for the patience, compassion, and love of God. Amen.

Prayer of Approach (standing)

Peter Kopplin

Prayer of Confession (seated, in unison)

O God, we confess we are subject to our own desires, yet we strive to offer compassion for all. Your Son was sent to us and offers forgiveness and Grace. Our ambition may guide us in the wrong direction but we ask you to guide us through the Spirit. It is easy to make excuses and walk along a path of comfort; guide us Lord with your light from your Son through the Spirit. Amen.

♪ **Sung Response:** (VU 291)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

All things wise and wonderful, in love, God made them all.

LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Rey Rivera

♪ Hymn VU 577

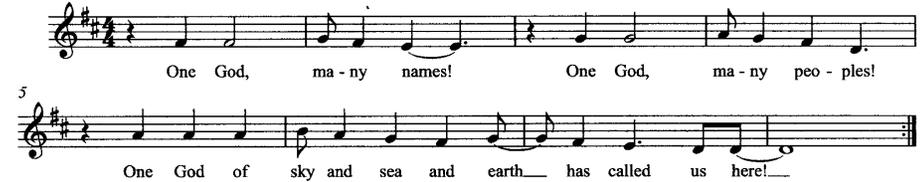
"Peace Like a River"

Prayer with Children

Andrew Macpherson

One God, Many Names!

William S. Kervin
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Christian Bible Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Cassandra Agustin

Anthem

Sermon

The Holy Spirit Is There

Andrew Macpherson

♪ Hymn MV 159

"In Star and Crescent"

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

Joys and Concerns

Peter Kopplin

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Because God has so richly blessed us, let us receive our morning offering in gratitude for all God has done and continues to do in our lives.

Offertory

Choir

Doxology (VU 603)

We are the hands and feet of Christ,

Serving by grace each other's need

We dare to risk and sacrifice

With truthful word and faithful deed.

Prayer of Dedication

Peter Kopplin

Prayer of the People

Peter Kopplin

♪ Hymn VU 677

O God of Every Nation

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

I Need Thee Every Hour

Dale Wood

Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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Check this schedule each week.

Service	July 16	July 23	July 30
Ushers	Adeline Asencio Merlin Atayde	Volunteers needed	
Counters	Julie Atayde	Peter Kopplin Johnathon Atayde	
Presiders	Dennis Manankil	Ren Cato	Peter Kopplin

Readers please check this schedule each week.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
Sept 17	Olga Semple Ivan Agustin	Matthew 18:21–35 Romans 14:1–12
Sept 24	Sally Tan Kathleen Angers	Matthew 20:1–16 Philippians 1:21–30
Oct 1	Doug Mills Adeline Asencio	Matthew 21:23–32 Philippians 2:1–13
Oct 8 Thanksgiving	Jacob Azate Artemio Toledo	Luke 17:11–19 Deuteronomy 8:7–18

Next Week

Scripture Lessons for September 17

- Exodus 14:19–31** God parts the sea for the Hebrews.
Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 Miriam and Moses sing the “Song of the Sea.”
Romans 14:1–12 Whether we live or die, we are God’s.
Matthew 18:21–35 How many times must I forgive?

Tuesday Study Group On The Old Testament by Christine Hayes at Yale (cf. <http://oyc.yale.edu/religious-studies/rfst-145>)

Today

Pastoral Prayer of this week:

Those in need of your prayers:
 Adeline Asencio, Ruben Flores, Anita Dorotheo, Susan Narain, Marion Mallette.

Zeny Hernandez; Joshue, Mira, Kathleen, Nicole and Kyle Hernandez

(The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Hoon Kim or the church office)

Spring at a Glance

Rev. Hoon Kim delivers daily devotional, TeleHope, to you on internet and/or hand phone. Give him your e-mail address and/or hand phone number.

Meet our intern in ministry, Andrew Macpherson:

Andrew Macpherson graduated from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto in the Masters Divinity, Masters Pastoral Studies (Muslim Studies) and Buddhist Mindful Meditation Diploma program. Andrew is also a candidate for ordained ministry (Hamilton Conference) in the United Church of Canada and has begun his internship at Saint Luke’s United Church (Toronto Conference). Andrew has completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education unit at The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Scarborough Hospital and Parkwood Hospital (London, ON). Andrew is a voracious traveller and has photographed his journey through numerous countries as he experienced and participated in a diverse set of religious rituals, cultural practices and music. His favourite snack and drink are samosas and Kashmiri chai.

September 29 Early morning communion

- October 1** Worldwide Communion
October 8 Thanksgiving Sunday;
 Everybody’s birth day

September 1 – Eid Al Adha (Islam)

On this day, Muslims remember Abraham’s obedience to God – especially Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice **his only son, Ishmael**. Eid Al Adha is observed at the culmination of the required pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslims around the world celebrate this day with communal times of prayer. Each family sacrifices an acceptable animal (sheep, goat, cow) and divides the flesh between themselves and the poor.

Minutes for Missions

A Home At Last

Our gifts for Mission & Service support people on the margins. Let us hear a story of the impact Wesley Urban Ministries makes daily in changing lives.

Roger finally has a home after many years of struggling with addiction and mental health issues. He lives in a one-bedroom apartment in Hamilton, Ontario, that is part of the housing project of Wesley Urban Ministries. Roger is a personable, kind, and honest soul who has found a home in a community where he is fully accepted.

The building that houses the apartments and a day program is one of several Wesley sites. The day program has been operating since the 1970s; the housing is a more recent addition. Mission & Service has supported the work of Wesley Urban Ministries for decades, helping the ministry to offer housing, a meal program, and support for refugees from around the world. It has helped more than 1,000 Syrian refugees find a home in Hamilton.

One member of the day program spoke about coming there since the 1970s when guests had to sleep on the floor. He now comes to have a meal and connect with the community.

We sing thanksgiving for Wesley Urban Ministries, which offers welcome and a place to call home.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

TeleHope

Always More

Jesus declared, "Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35 (32-35))

At our monthly Friday morning communion, we all know that we first pass the bread and then the cup. One day a visitor ate the bread before the cup came. Seeing the startled look on the face of the visitor, the one next to her said with a kind voice, "Don't worry. There's always more." He gave her another piece of bread to complete Communion.

Too often we become anxious about things we cannot control. We forget that no matter what is going on in the world, we can live with "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). God always has more for those who believe. (cf. 1 Kings 17:14-16)

Most gracious heavenly Father, thank you for your unending love and grace. Amen.

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