



Leaside Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

If thou art near by J. S. Bach;

Neal Armstrong, soloist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *Living Faith* reminds us that the church lives to praise God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God, day by day, Sunday by Sunday.

All: Through worship, may our wounded souls be healed by the grace of Jesus.

One: May we discover signs of God's love in our midst.

All: May we be drawn into deeper faith and compassion by God's Holy Spirit.

One: Let's worship God who blesses us beyond anything we can imagine.

*HYMN

Be still and know that I am God No. 64

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

All: God of grace, forgive us, we pray, when we stop being a compassionate light. When we stop listening to the sorrow and needs of the world. When we stop caring. Strengthen us that we may be a loving congregation despite our flaws and our struggles with life

and faith. Help us to be your church, a church that puts thought, prayer and energy into healing and reconciliation, justice and inclusion. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

Amigos de Christo No. 476

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine your Holy Word, so that our minds might be open to receive it, our hearts grow to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13

One: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to his people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

One: Righteousness will go before God, and will make a path for God's steps.

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:15-23 NT 192
Matthew 22:34-40 NT 25

*HYMN *May the mind of Christ my saviour* No. 644

SERMON Democracy or Christocracy

CHOIR ANTHEM *I Give You a New Commandment*
by Peter Aston

OFFERING *Variations on Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)*
by Denis Bedard

DOXOLOGY No. 830

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN

*HYMN *Come sing, O Church, in joy!* No. 757

CLOSING ANTHEM *A Clare Benediction* by John Rutter

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN (CONGREGATION AND CHOIR) No.780

POSTLUDE *Variations on Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)*
by Denis Bedard (cont'd)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us in person, following worship, for refreshments and fellowship in Glebe Community Room. Please stay with us for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- A reminder that the service is being recorded and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Ainsley Chapman from **Evangel Hall** will be speaking at coffee hour following worship today.
- We will be receiving **donations of casseroles and warm clothing for Evangel Hall** until Nov 24. Pans for casseroles and boxes for clothing donations are available outside the office.
- Thank you for the donations of food for the **Food Bank** this month. Monetary donations may still be sent through Leaside until Nov 10.
- Mark your calendars - Nov 13, 1:30-3:30pm - **Christmas Decoration Craft Session** - see weekly emails
- The **Christmas AVGEN gift card order** will be due Nov 13. Forms are available in the weekly email and outside the office
- Today we welcome back **Rev Don Muir**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us. Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.