

Announcements

The projection team will be taking a summer break starting next week.
The projection of hymns will resume after Labour Day.

On most Sundays during the summer months, the Ministry of Music will be a
Favourite Hymn chosen from the "Favourite Hymns Suggestion Box"
on the table in the Foyer.

You are invited and encouraged to submit suggestions of your favourite hymn
for our Summer Musician to choose from, based on familiarity of the tune and
on our ability to provide words, if necessary.

As there is no summer camping ministry being offered at Camp Keir this year,
Camperships are available to provide financial assistance to children
or youth who attend other Christian Camps.
For further information you may contact Nancy Harvey.

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center
aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are
given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ
does in and through our church family. During the
Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought
forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Mission Moment

In Karkhola, India, 18-year-old Raunak Khatun experienced early difficulties. After her mother passed away, she was raised by her grandmother, but they were eventually forced out of their home when her father remarried. Without any support, they built a hut on government land, surviving by begging and farm work. Then Raunak learned about vocational training for out-of-school girls and enrolled in a tailoring course. When she finished it, she began sewing clothes for her village. However, she faced a major obstacle—she did not have her own sewing machine. The Karuna Project supported her to buy one. Raunak is now able to take care of herself and her grandmother. She is also training two other girls from her community, passing on the skills she learned. This project is supported by PWS&D through Duncan Hospital.

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Jesus calls us to follow him.
We come, ready to walk in his way.

"Take up your cross daily and follow me."
We come to offer our lives in faithful service.

Those who seek to save their lives will lose them.
Those who lose their lives for Christ's sake will find them.

Come, let us worship the One who leads us into abundant life.
We will follow Christ with joy and thanksgiving.

(Inspired by Luke 9:23-24)

Hymn **#448 O God Beyond All Praising**

Opening Prayers

***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, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

& Hymn **#641 One More Step Along the World I Go**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Esther 4:1-17

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: *Be Thou My Vision*

Sermon: "*Esther (I): For a Moment Like This*"

Hymn **#490 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.*** ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn **#650 He Leadeth Me**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*"Faith is taking the first step even when you
don't see the whole staircase."
~ Martin Luther King Jr.*



*What difficult conversation, decision, or action have you been
avoiding because of fear?*

What would courage look like in that situation?

Things to pray for this week...

As we celebrate Canada Day this week, we pray that this land will be a just, equitable and welcoming country and that all those who form and keep our laws will carry out their responsibilities with wisdom, courage and mercy.

We pray for all God's people working in faith formation—from churches to camps to campuses, communities, and beyond.

We give thanks for church treasurers who offer faithful stewardship of the gifts received for the work of ministry in their congregations.



Scripture Reading: Esther 4:1-17 (NIV)

When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. ²But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. ³In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther's eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why.

⁶So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. ⁷Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

⁹Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹"All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

¹²When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

¹⁵Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

¹⁷So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.