

St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 The Message

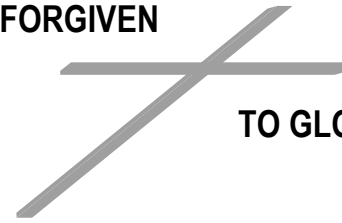
¹⁶⁻¹⁹ “How can I account for this generation? The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents, ‘We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired; we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.’ John came fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a boozier, a friend of the misfits. Opinion polls don’t count for much, do they? The proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

²⁵⁻²⁶ Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.”

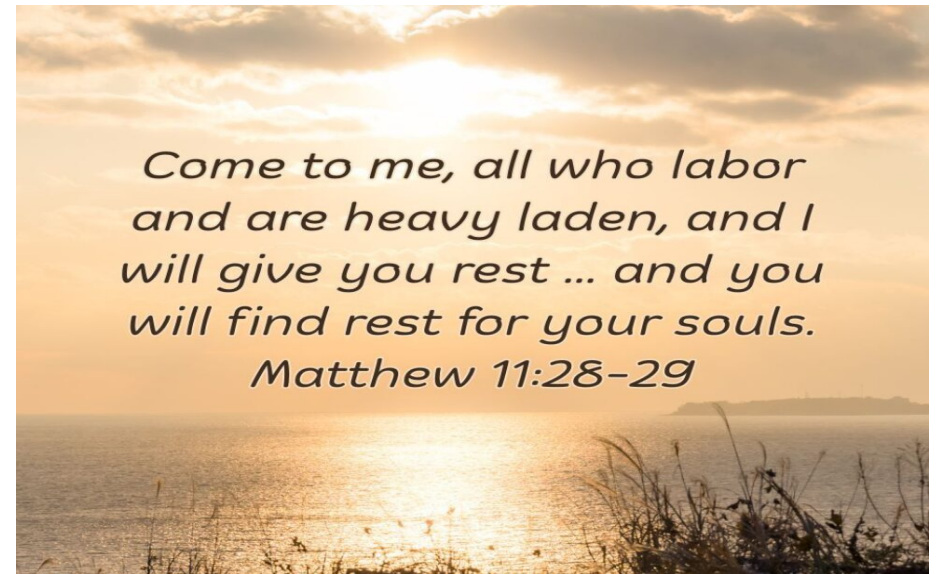
²⁷ Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

²⁸⁻³⁰ “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

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Sunday 05th July 2026 10:30 am

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for
Living our best Christ Life!**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Here I am to worship” **SB #11**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

Praise: “O for a thousand tongues to sing” **BP #247**

Celebrating the Truth of God’s Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NLT

Message: “Are you or I ever a Pecksniffian?”

Celebrating the Truth of God’s gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**My tribute**” **SB #45**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “I heard the voice of Jesus say” **BP #369**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Abba Father” **SB #43**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – Doon Village Retirement Home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Anneleise Kramer – Briarfield Gardens Retirement Home

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

VBS at KEPC this week!

This week, Monday 06th – Friday 10th July 2026, 9am-noon.
Set-up is today immediately following our worship time together.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Here is the KEPC May 2026 financial summary:

With some large donations in May, the May financials resulted in a surplus of almost \$8600. This reduced the YTD shortfall to almost \$7800 which can hopefully be reduced to breakeven by year end. Thank-you for your financial support of KEPC! The F & S Team.

Missions & Outreach Team:

Anselma House is one of two emergency shelters in Kitchener and Cambridge for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Many thanks for your generous donations to Anselma House. KEPC donated \$785.00 in gift cards, cheques, and cash. Thank-you for your generous care.

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.