

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth**  
**Sunday, August 2nd, 2020**  
**Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Beryl Orok**

**Introductory Song:                    Ancient Words – Written by Lynn Deshazo**

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vmTkXNpwzs>

Holy words long preserved

For our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart

O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope

Give us strength help us cope

In this world where'er we roam

Ancient words will guide us home

**Chorus**

Ancient words ever true

Changing me and changing you

We have come with open hearts

O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith

Handed down to this age

Came to us through sacrifice

O heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved

For our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart

O let the ancient words impart

**Chorus x 4**

Ancient words ever true

Changing me changing you

We have come with open hearts

O let the ancient words impart

We have come with open hearts

O let the ancient words impart

### Call to Worship

From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in the wilderness places.

**That was the bread of heaven**

From God came Jesus Christ, the eternal Bread that sustains our lives.

**Christ is the Bread of Life.**

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst

**Come worship a God who feeds the hungry**

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed

**Come let us worship a God who calls for compassion and justice**

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war

**Come let us worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find

**Come let us worship a God whose grace and love know no end**

Let us in our gathering today praise God for such wondrous love and compassion.

**That while we were yet sinners, He came for us**

Let us join our voices in gratitude and worship our God together. **Amen**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

God of our hopes and dreams we are empty and long to be filled.

We are hungry and long to be fed

We are lost and long to be found.

Gather us into your love and in your mercy and compassion pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus' disciples gathered up the fragments left over from the five loaves and two fish that day on the mountainside.

Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the Bread of Life. **Amen**

**Hymn:**

**Break Thou the Bread of Life**

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPGiVA731IM>

Break Thou the bread of life dear Lord to me

As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea

Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord

My spirit pants for Thee O Living Word

Thou art the bread of life O Lord to me

Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me

Give me to eat and live with Thee above  
Teach me to love Thy truth for Thou art love

O send Thy Spirit Lord now unto me  
That He may touch my eyes and make me see  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word  
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee Lord

Bless Thou the truth dear Lord to me to me  
As Thou didst bless the loaves by Galilee  
Then shall bondage cease all fetters fall  
And I shall find my peace my all in all

### **Call to Confession**

Let us take a few minutes to reflect at this time. Let us call to mind our failings; the things we have done and the things we have left undone. We come then with contrite hearts before our Lord that we might ask forgiveness and mercy.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**We confess today that so often we believe in our emptiness; that we will never have enough and that what we have is unworthy.**

**We so often believe that the needs of the world are overwhelming and it would be easier just to think only of ourselves. We have so often forgotten those around us in need just because it is easier to do so.**

**We spend so much time trying to make ourselves look good instead of doing what is good and right in Your sight.**

**We tend to believe that the world has too many problems and there is too much to be done. Forgive us, O God, for our foolish and selfish ways.**

**Help us to remember that Christ calls us into the ways of faith, the ways of hope, the ways of peace, the ways of love and compassion for His name's sake. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Christ is at work within us and is able to accomplish abundantly far more that we can ask or imagine. We are forgiven. We are a new creation in Christ. Let us keep this truth in our hearts always and live our lives for His glory.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 the evil one.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen**

## Responsive Reading

## Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy.

**The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.**

The Lord upholds all who fall,

**And raises up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look expectantly to you,

**And You give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**The Lord is righteous in all His ways**

Gracious in all His works.

**The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,**

To all who call upon Him in truth.

**He will fulfill the desires of all who fear Him.**

He will hear their cry and save them.

**The Lord preserves all who love Him.**

But all the wicked He will destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord.**

And all flesh shall bless His Holy name

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music:****Open My Eyes That I May See**

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDceaG7kFQA>

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

**Chorus**

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

Open my mind, that I may read  
More of Thy love in word and deed;  
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?  
Only for light from Thee I plead.

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.

**Scripture Reading:****Matthew 14: 13-21****Taken from The Message Translation**

**14 As soon as Jesus heard the news, He went off by himself in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where He was headed and followed him by land from many villages. A vast crowd was there as He stepped from the boat, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 That evening the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place and it is getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus replied “That isn’t necessary---you feed them”.**

**17** “Impossible!” they exclaimed. We have only five loaves and two fish! **18** “Bring them here,” He said. **19** Then He told the crowd to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up to heaven, and asked God’s blessing on the food. Breaking the loaves into pieces, He gave some bread and fish to each disciple and they gave them to the people. **20** They all ate as much as they wanted, and then they picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. **21** About five thousand men had eaten from those five loaves and two fish, in addition to all the women and children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:**

**Speak, O Lord - Keith & Kristyn Getty**

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics on the screen)

<https://youtu.be/ubRIJj8xkds>

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
 To receive the food of Your holy word  
 Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
 That the light of Christ might be seen today  
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
 Speak O Lord and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory  
 Teach us Lord full obedience  
 Holy reverence true humility  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
 In the radiance of Your purity  
 Cause our faith to rise  
 Cause our eyes to see  
 Your majestic love and authority  
 Words of power that can never fail  
 Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
 That will echo down through eternity  
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us

Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Lord may our hearts and our minds open to what You would say to us this day through the power of Your Holy Spirit at work in us. May Your word find fertile ground and take root so that we might grow spiritually and become more of the people You have called us to be. **Amen**

## **“You Feed Them”**

**Matthew 14: 13-21**

**Rev. Beryl Orok**

**Walter Brueggemann, Old Testament scholar and theologian, was known to have said, “When you are with Jesus, you are inescapably in the bread business.”**

Today, this 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we have the joy and the privilege to gather as a community of believers. I miss not being able to see all of you and engage after service as we have done in the past. Whether you are participating from online or from the service outline delivered to you it is still a wonderful opportunity to focus our attention together on a very familiar gospel story: The Feeding of the Five Thousand. It’s a story about Jesus and about bread!

One of the wonderful things about the gospels is that the stories within each are all about Jesus; each told in a unique way; some gospels share the same stories, while others are specific to a particular gospel.

For instance; Matthew depicts the Birth of Jesus in great detail while the Gospel of John identifies the Coming of Jesus as the Word Incarnate; only Mark relates the Sermon on the Mount, while Luke gives us the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

Interestingly enough, all four Gospels relate the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand!

The problem with these familiar stories is not in the stories themselves, of course, which are timeless and meaningful as God’s words to us always, but that we, the readers become complacent about reading or hearing them repeatedly over time.

Have you ever come to a certain section of scripture and thought- “I know this” and just breeze through it or skip it altogether? I’m sure I am not the only one who has done this. But I have learned and continue to learn that we must not neglect to read and reread; inquiring of God that He speak to us afresh by His Spirit. Otherwise; we risk missing out on an inspiration or a truth we need to be reminded of, or even a new revelation within the context of an already familiar section of God’s word. Besides; it’s God’s word and it is forever important to secure in our hearts so that we cultivate a life based on His precepts. We have short memories and reminders; especially related to God’s Word, are so important in keeping us on the path of God’s choosing and way.



The story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand might be for you one of those stories you would be tempted to skip over. But today we have the opportunity to once again focus on this story and see what God will reveal to us or perhaps remind us of.

The story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand is reminiscent of a number of incidents wherein God, in His mercy, provided food for people.

In the **Book of Exodus chapter 16** we read that while the Israelite nation was wandering in exile in the desert some 40 years they complained bitterly about the lack of food. Moses petitioned God on their behalf and God provided manna and quails daily to feed them.

**1 Kings 17: 1-7** tells us how God warned the prophet Elijah to flee and hide from the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah ended up dwelling by the Brook Cherith, near Jordon. Each and every morning and each and every evening, God sent the ravens, as He promised He would do, to supply Elijah with bread and meat to eat. He drank from the brook to quench his thirst. This provision lasted until such time as God instructed him to move on to another location.

In **2 Kings 4: 42-44** the Prophet Elisha was in Gilgal during the midst of a famine. A kind man brought him twenty barley loaves. Not unlike Jesus’ disciples; Elisha’s servant was convinced that this meager amount of bread would never



suffice to feed the one hundred men in his company. Elisha told him **“Give it to them; for thus says the Lord; they shall eat and have some leftover.”**  
**So, they ate and it was just as the Lord said it would be!**

Scripture so often reminds me that God is always concerned for His people’s welfare; in each and every aspect of our humanity. We can depend on Him to meet our needs and we are meant to be His hands extended to others in their need.

For 38 years W.H. Lax was a Methodist pastor ministering in the East End of London. He learned that an old man was gravely ill and he called in on him. It was at once made plain that he was an unwelcome visitor, for as soon as the sick man caught sight of Lax’s clerical collar he turned his head and refused to utter a word. While trying to sustain a conversation Lax noted the dreariness of the room, the pitiful inadequate fire and suspected that provisions for fuel and food had run low.

When he left, he went to a butcher shop and ordered two lamb chops to be sent to the old man’s house.

He called again a few days after and although the old man was still far from talkative, he was disposed to be friendly. On the way home another order was left with the butcher. By the third visit there was a pronounced change in the man. He was congenial and even expressive in his conversation and before taking leave of him Lax read from the scripture and prayed.

A preaching engagement took Lax out of London for some days and upon his return, he was informed that the old man had passed away and had left a message for him.

Just at the last, when the old man could barely speak, he had signaled that he wanted to say something to those in attendance.

“Tell Mr. Lax” he gasped, “It’s alright... I’m going to God...but to be sure ...that it wasn’t his preaching that changed me... it was... those lamb chops!!!”

It seems perhaps like a strange grace but God used it! The power of even a cup of cold water given in the prompting of the Spirit is not to be underestimated.

Now in thinking about our gospel today I believe a bit of historical context is helpful before we explore the familiar story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

In the chapter preceding this event much had taken place. Jesus had been travelling the countryside, speaking to large crowds in the form of parables and explaining the meaning to all who would listen. He had developed quite a following; much to the chagrin of the religious hierarchy of the day.

While he was out and about preaching and teaching word came to Jesus that his cousin, John the Baptist, had been beheaded by the evil Herod. John had provoked Herod by calling him out on his adulterous relationship with Herodias. At a birthday celebration in Herod's honor he made a rash promise to give anything she wanted to Herodias' daughter; after she had danced seductively for his pleasure. Prompted by her mother, she asked for John's head on a platter. Her wish was granted and the deed was done. John's disciples had obtained his body for burial and sent word to Jesus concerning all that had taken place.

So, Jesus, besides being physically exhausted, was dealing with the outright rejection that had taken place in Nazareth, where he had been threatened with death and had almost been thrown off a cliff by his own hometown people. His grief over the death of John compounded his exhaustion, so He made his way to a place on the other side of the Sea of Galilee to seek some solace and rest time. But it was not to be.

The people pursued him and sought to be near Him. Whether their motivation was fascination, faith or to seek healing; they followed with no plans in place for meeting their personal needs for nourishment.

The gospel of John 6:4 tells us these even included some of those on their way to Jerusalem to attend the Passover Feast, which was at hand.

They gathered on a grassy mountainside in what was the spring of the year, near Bethsaida, northeast of the Sea of Galilee.

**Matthew 14:15** tells us it was remote place.

When Jesus saw them; this being much more than just vision in the natural sense but rather;

**He SAW them and their needs and He was moved with compassion toward them.**

Just to be clear, **He was moved with compassion –NOT pity!** There is an important distinction that bears some consideration.

The word pity means---a strong feeling of sadness or sympathy for someone or something i.e. a sympathetic sorrow.

Pity often sees someone as being worse off than ourselves, while not necessarily taking action to alleviate the suffering or situation. It can put one in the position of feeling superior. Most often, it is not helpful or appropriate.

It can feel offensive and condescending to the one on the receiving end of another's pity.

We have all heard it said "I don't want your pity!"

Compassion, on the other hand, is an emotional response, but involves a far greater commitment to substantive help or an urging desire to help.

It is both an emotion and a virtue because it does not involve judgement of the person or their situation.

Perhaps I can better clarify the distinction related to my ministry during 18 years as a Federal Prison Chaplain.

During that time, I met a very large number of persons; offenders, their families, victims and community members.

We are talking about pity verses compassion today, so let me be very clear—I did not pity any of the offenders. These people were in prison because of a choice they made and their actions had harmed others.

That is; with the exception of two men and one woman I knew, who were exonerated by DNA and other evidence. For those who were exonerated, I was beyond sad for them. Their life had been stolen, families destroyed and nothing was going to change that or make up for the loss of their freedom and all they had endured in prison all those years.

But I did have compassion for the men and women I met in prison.

I realized that the compassion I had was a gift from God and one I cherished then and now. It was humbling to be given eyes to see the person beyond the crime.

Countless times I said “You are not your crime”; “There is so much more to your life than your crime and don’t let your crime continue to define your life and your choices.”

So, because of compassion, not pity, I preached God’s word of repentance, forgiveness and restoration.

I counselled many individuals, met their broken family members and advocated for their care when appropriate. Compassion was a driving force.

Jesus had compassion for the people who gathered before Him that day, who were tired and hungry.

The disciples were being quite practical in expressing their concern that the people had no food. It was getting late and they had a long way to travel even to the nearest village. It was the logical thing to do, they thought, for Jesus to send them away.

After listening to His disciple’s concerns Jesus without reservation throws them a ringer; **“You feed them”**. **Three simple words, but what an impact!**

Can you imagine the look on the faces of the disciples and even on the faces of the people in the crowd close by who might have overheard what He said?

Perhaps there might have been an exchange of some incredulous looks or even some mumbling amongst themselves---Really, is He serious!

Perhaps they thought Jesus was just so tired He wasn't thinking straight. The disciples tried to reason with Him.

But Jesus would not be influenced and simply inquired **"What have you got?"** "Five loaves and two fishes only," was their response.

Logically the disciples thought----not enough!

But Jesus says **"Bring them to me!"** He instructed the people to sit down. He took the loaves and fishes and looked up to toward heaven and asked God's blessing on the food. Jesus, in so doing, modelled a very important principle. Even when we have little, it is important to ask God's blessing on what we do have; acknowledging that God is our provider!

Let's think about God our provider!

**Jehovah-Jireh** is the Hebrew name meaning; the Lord our provider.

In the **Book of Genesis Chapter 22: 14** we first encounter the name **Jehovah-Jireh**.



It is a place in the land of Moriah. It was the location where God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering.

After the innocent inquiry of his son Isaac in **Genesis 22: 7** **"We have the wood and the fire; but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"** Abraham answered **"God will provide a lamb, my son."**

They journeyed on and after Abraham had built the altar and tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar over the wood, he raised his knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called him to put down the knife and do not harm to the boy.

When Abraham looked up, he saw a ram caught in a thicket and sacrificed it as an offering to God.

**Abraham named the place "Jehovah-Jireh"- The Lord Will Provide"**

God, **Jehovah-Jireh**, provided for the needs of the people gathered with Jesus that day in abundance, so much so, that the disciples gathered up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Now you have heard it said “there’s no such thing as a free lunch! “but the lectionary reading for today from **Isaiah 55: 1-5 says:**

**“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink---even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine and milk—it’s all free!**

**Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good! Listen and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul.**

**Come to me with your ears wide open.**

**Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake.**

**I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the mercies and unfailing love I promised to David.**

**He displayed my Power by my witness and a leader among the nations.**

**You also will command the nations and they will come running to obey, because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious.**

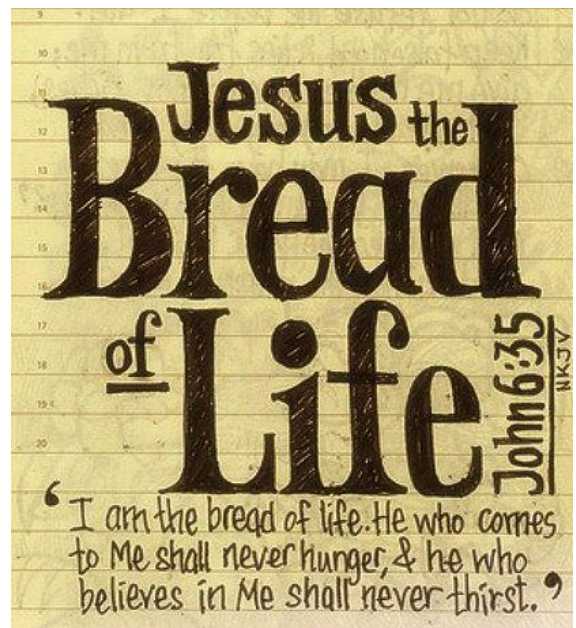
Isaiah spoke prophetically of Jesus, the Bread of Life. He who paid the price, so that all might be saved! Jesus is the one who gives life and nourishes our souls.

On the day following the feeding of the five thousand the people were again seeking Jesus out.

He challenged them because they were seeking Him not because they saw signs, but that they ate the loaves and were filled.

**He tells them in John 6:27 “Do not labor for the food that perishes but for the food that endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”**

**In verse 35 He declares “I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst.”**



In our story today from Matthew's gospel we see Jesus providing for the necessity of food for health and wellbeing of the human body and a short time there after He would give His life, so that we could be reconciled to God. In so doing He becomes the **Bread of Life**, because only through the sacrifice of His life, atoning for our sin, can we be reconciled to God.

**Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Me." John 14:6.**

We are reminded today through this so familiar story of the significance of both Jehovah-Jireh, God as our provider and Jesus as The Bread of Life.

Not only will God provide for our needs, but He calls us to look with eyes of compassion for opportunities to bless, help, stand with, pray for, share with and give to others.

We may feel like we have nothing to offer God; that we are insignificant. We so often forget, like the disciples, that God uses everything we have if we will only bring it to Him.

Our faith demands that we be like Abraham who declared "**God will provide.**"

What we offer to God in faith He will use. We need to stop living our lives in a sense of scarcity. We need to overcome our fears, which make us want to protect what is ours, and to control the outcome of giving.

We are in this living together with God. **Jesus, the Bread of Life**, paid the price so we could be co-creators with God in making the Kingdom of God alive in us and in the world.

God calls us, like Jesus, to be moved by compassion and to have a generous spirit.

Our faith will be stretched in the living of our lives, but what is needed is still at hand— **Jehovah-Jireh** is still our provider and in Christ we have more than enough. There are limitless possibilities before us each day to be as Jesus is, compassionate and loving, kind and helpful.

**To repeat what Walter Brueggemann said, "When you are with Jesus, you are inescapably in the bread business!"**

Give us eyes to see as You see God; faith to believe and commitment to live as You call each of us to do: in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we pray.

**Amen**

**Hymn:                    Take My Life and Let It Be (Lyrics) sung by Brian Doerksen**

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics on the screen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ93HVuYd5Y>

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Always only for my King

Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages for Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Not a mite would I withhold

Take my love my God I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee

Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

Ever only all for Thee

### Offering

Presenting out tithes and offerings is an act of worship. I want to encourage you to write a cheque and drop it in the mail to the church using your envelope, if you have one. (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, PO Box 161, Drummond St. West, Perth, Ont. K7H 3E3). We also have another option for your giving and that is to send an E-Transfer. This note from our treasurer.

**E-Transfers are now accepted. Please note the new email address for this purpose only. [standrewspert offering@gmail.com](mailto:standrewspert offering@gmail.com). Please include your Offering Envelope# in the message section of the INTERAC transfer page you fill in. If you wish any part of your donation to go to a specific fund (e.g. Presbyterian Sharing) please mention this in your message.**

### Invitation to Offering

Generous God you have blessed us with many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church, so that from Your abundance we may bless others. May the gifts of our money, time and talents, given with a joyful heart, support and bring furtherance to your kingdom work. **Amen.**

### Offertory Prayer

Loving Father, the gifts that we bring are so small in comparison to the vast need in our world; nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation or even meet the needs of the hungry and homeless near us. Yet we have brought and offer what we can. As you once multiplied the five loaves and the two fishes, we ask that you would multiply our gifts as well. May our offering this day be given with a generous and joyful heart, so that the needs of others may be met, and the Kingdom of God may be advanced in this community and in the world. **Amen.**

### Prayers for the People by the People

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Pray for our **Government Leaders**, municipal, provincial, and federal.
- For the **Frontline Workers**



- For **St. Andrew's Church and its leadership.**
- For the **Shut-Ins and those in Nursing homes and in hospital:** Elva Fair, Audrey Ferrier, Germaine Vanderklok, June O'Hara, Gwen Travis, Bing Jeun, Jo Mott, Ruth McTavish, Nellie Larabie, Jackie & Brian Stapleton – Karen McKim's parents.
- **For marriages that are struggling, as a result of the pandemic.**
- For the **Education system**, that safeguards will be put in place to protect the students, teachers, and staff.

Please, continued prayer for:

- **Stuart McKim**
- **Louise Burke** – Sold her house and will be moving into Perth with her son Harold.
- **Ann Savage** - Not a lot of changes in my health. I am still undergoing treatments 3 weeks out of 4. All of my appointments with my oncologist have been over the phone during COVID times. I do have another scan scheduled for September 1st. Praying that results are favourable.
- **Rick & Colleen Richardson and their daughter Deborah Richardson** – Colleen is feeling better. Not much change in her vision and memory loss, but her attitude about the whole matter is what has changed. She knows and trusts the Lord with her life. Love Rick
- **Joanna Savage** - Joanna is doing very well at present. She is mostly back to herself and she is regaining some of the weight she lost through the ordeal. We are waiting to hear from the surgeon sometime before the summer ends to discuss next steps regarding an operation to remove the primary tumour in her intestine now that the one in her liver has been reduced in size. There is still a fair journey ahead, but right now, we are giving thanks for this precious time when she is feeling better and able to enjoy life again. Many thanks to our dear St. Andrew's family for all your prayers and caring concern. I do hope and pray everyone is doing well. Marilyn.
- **Deb Watring-Ellis** – I'm doing well. My second treatment, as reported last week, was successful and the doctor is pleased. I'm confident that all the prayers and support and God's love and intentions are the reason for such good reports. I will continue to have monthly treatments with the goal of spreading them out eventually.
- **Paul Thompson** - Dear friends in Christ, your prayers for me must be working. My eyesight is holding and pressures My surgeon is happy with my progress. Next appointment is September. Blessings.
- **Lyn Harrington (Shelagh Steven's Mom)** Mom is now installed in Lanark Lifestyles. She's in good spirits and I hope she'll be happy there. Prayers are appreciated. Thank you, Shelagh.

- **Dave** (Parkinson's disease) & **Anne Crawley** (foot infection). I am very thankful for everyone's prayers. I had a MRI and a Bone Scan neither of which were definitive on the cause of the infections. My doctor has ordered another Bone Scan to focus on Leukocytes (white blood cells) and a Blood Flow Doppler. Both these tests are next week. I have an appointment booked for mid August with the Infectious Disease specialist. I am still waiting for an Orthopedic appt. Please pray that the root cause will be discovered. The current infection is healing nicely but is still open so I cannot swim which is very difficult for me. I thank God for all the appointments and tests that are coming together. Blessings on you all. Anne.
- **University/ College students** - to have a summer job and return to school in the fall.
- **Angus Funston** – Angus is doing very well. Enjoying the summer. He is waiting to hear from Sick Kid's. He will be going to Toronto in August to meet a Doctor who is doing a research on his condition. I think this will help Angus to plan which university he will go to. Until he goes to Toronto everything is to remain the same. I want to thank all the people who are praying for him. Carole.
- **Eric & Lorrie Cosens and Eric's mother June** as they deal with the loss of Eric's Father. His mother June, deals with treatment for her bowel cancer, which has spread to her liver.

### Closing Hymn:

### Go Now In Peace

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics on the screen)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T\\_KSLqIAcM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T_KSLqIAcM)

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
 God will go with you each hour of every day  
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
 Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
 God will there watching from above.  
 Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

### Benediction

As we come to the end of our worship time together, remember this;  
 The God we serve is merciful and compassionate, endlessly patient and full of faithful love.  
 He is trustworthy in all He says and faithful in all He does.

So, may you be enriched by the abundant love of God, nourished by the selfless caring of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



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On Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday the Churches of Perth Rang Their Bells  
(Click on the link below to play)

[St. Andrew's Perth- Bell Ringing](#) (short version)

[St. John's Perth-Bell Ringing](#) (short version)

[St. James Perth - Bell Ringing](#) (short version)

St. Andrew's is continuing the Sunday 12-12:10 pm ringing of the bells as a reminder to pray for all aspects of the current crisis and everyone affected. This will continue until the church reopens for worship