St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth Sunday, July 26th, 2020

Introductory Song:

"Above All" by Michael W. Smith

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7EPZV56PuA

Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure What You're worth

Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone You lived to die rejected and alone Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all

Call to Worship

God looks from heaven upon the children of earth to see whether there are any wise enough to seek the fellowship of God.

By faith, may Christ live within our hearts, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and filled with all the fullness of God.

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, the people of faith shall rejoice, and the whole church be glad.

We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus,

from whom every family on earth is named.

To God be all the glory,

in the church and in Christ Jesus

throughout all generations,

forever and ever. Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom — the coming kingdom the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to you in his name — we pray in him and with him. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King", Prayers of the Saints (Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE

All creatures of our God and King Life up your voice and with us sing O praise Him, Alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless And worship him in humbleness O praise Him, Alleluia Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son And praise the Spirit, Three-In-One O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All the Redeemed washed by his blood Come and rejoice in his great love O praise Him, Alleluia Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on him O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

He shall return in power to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him, Alleluia Then who shall fall on bended knee All creatures of our God and King O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Call to Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession. —based on Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sufferings of the ages,

with the wars, crusades and the holocausts of a thousand years.

The blood of the victims is still warm,

the cries of anguish still fill the night.

To you we lift our outspread hands.

We cry out to you

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, who loves us as a father, who cares for us as a mother, who came to share our life as a brother,

we confess before you our failure to live as your children,

brothers and sisters bound together in love.

To you we lift our outspread hands.

We cry out to you

Lord, have mercy.

We have squandered the gift of life.

The good life of some is built on the pain of many;

the pleasure of a few on the agony of millions.

To you we lift our outspread hands.

We cry out to you

Lord, have mercy.

We worship death in our quest to possess ever more things;

we worship death in our hankering after our own security,

our own survival, our own peace,

as if life were divisible, as if love were divisible,

as if Christ had not died for all of us.

To you we lift our outspread hands.

We cry out to you

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, forgive our life-denying pursuit of life,

and teach us anew what it means to be your children.

To you we lift our outspread hands.

We cry out to you

Lord, have mercy

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God, through the prophet Isaiah says:

Remember these things, O Jacob,

and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you, you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,

and your sins like mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

To you I declare, "Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace."

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 105:1-11

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,

his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

"To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

Praise the LORD.

Ministry of Music:

"Rising Sun", All Sons and Daughters

(Click on the link below to listen to the Ministry of Music.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofm_KNAxko8

- Praise Him all you sinners Sing oh sing you weary Oh praise Him all you children of God
- We lift high His glory Shown throughout our stories We praise Him as the children of God

Chorus

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior Your Name is higher than the rising sun Light of the morning You shine forever Your Name is higher than the rising sun Your Name is higher than the rising sun

 Praise His Name forever Speak it loud and clear now Oh praise Him all you children of God

Chorus

Bridge

Oh oh oh oh Oh oh oh oh Hallelujah name above all Simply to speak Your Name is praise Hallelujah now and always Forever we lift Your Name in praise Hallelujah our God You reign Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh

Chorus

Ending

Hallelujah name above all Hallelujah name above all Hallelujah Hallelujah

Scripture Reading:

24 A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" **31** "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

"Holy Spirit, Living Breathe of God"

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nbMfLQd2P4

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God Breathe new life into my willing soul Let the presence of the risen Lord Come renew my heart and make me whole Cause Your word to come alive in me Give me faith for what I cannot see Give me passion for Your purity Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within May Your joy be seen in all I do Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude Kindness to the greatest and the least Gentleness that sows the path of peace Turn my strivings into works of grace Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Mark 5:24b-34

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

"Suffering Under The Care Of Many Healers" Mark 5:24b-34

There are some stories that you hear that you never forget. I can listen to a story on the radio yesterday and forget about it by today. I listened to this story probably 20 years ago on "Focus On The Family" – a Christian radio program, but it remains with me today. I don't remember if I got the whole story, but I do remember that I was moved to tears as I listened to this Korean woman tell her story. I was able to find a video interview on the internet, so if you would like to hear more, here is the link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WM9DZIgcZ80.

The Korean Conflict ended July 27, 1953. This woman had been born just after the Korean War ended. Her mother was Korean. It is hard to know who her father was. He was most like American, possibly Canadian or British but he could have been from one of 13 other countries who made up the multi-national UN force that was involved in the conflict. Today I know that the woman's name is Stephanie Fast. Stephanie said that she knew her mother loved her because she kept her as long as she could. One of her early memories is of there being a lot of shouting and fighting in the extended family with whom she and her mother were living. Being a single mother in Korea was taboo and such a woman had no future. She could never marry. So probably under pressure from her family, after keeping her daughter for as long as she possible could, her mother abandoned her on a train, promising her that she would come and get her. Stephanie would have been about four and a half years old. There was no one to meet her at the end of the train ride.

The second reason Stephanie knew that her mother loved her was because her mother didn't kill her. Infanticide was rampant in Korea at this time. After the second night she knew she was abandoned and spent the next three years trying to walk back and find her village, but she didn't even know the name of the village she was born in. She slept under ox carts and bridges. Spring, summer and fall she would steal food from the farmers. She'd eat frogs and grasshoppers. Winter was the toughest time. Nothing grew in South Korea and she would have to steal. For shelter she lived in the holes that the soldiers had dug during the war.



Stephanie refers to herself as a wild child. I

remember when I first listened to the program being struck by the suffering she endured. When she lived on the streets she watched other children die, but she was unmoved. Her spirit was dead. We use to sing a song:

There are rats, rats, big as alley cats

In the store! In the store!

There are rats, rats big as alley cats

In the quarter master's store.

I remember from the original broadcast her talking about a bombed out building that was full of rats. One day a group of men took her and a 4 year old boy and locked them in the basement of this building. The rats ate the boy but somehow Stephanie survived. As a result of this experience, there arose in her a hatred for men and she made a inner vow that no matter what people did to her, she would survive. She carried that burning hatred within her for years. She was discovered by a Swedish nurse who was going to leave her where she found her on a pile of rubbish until she heard the Lord say to her: "**She is Mine!**"

The other thing that struck me when I first heard the story was that this girl was an outcast. She was a mixed blood. She was called a name which could be translated as half-breed, but it literally means "child of dust and nothingness". Considered "alien devils," mixed bloods were despised in Korea. Stephanie looked different than other children. She said: "When I am with Americans they say I look Korean, but when I am with Koreans they say I look like an American. I don't fit in anywhere."

Stephanie finally ended up in an orphanage where the Korean workers ignored her. So she spent all her time looking after the babies – holding them and caring for them. When she was finally adopted by an American family she did not know how to react to their love, so she spit on them. She was an outcast, a mixed blood, an alien devil who believed that she deserved all the mistreatment she received. Her spirit was dead within her. Eventually God drew her to himself at age 15 when she received Jesus as her Saviour, but it was many years before she found healing from the shame of her past.

In Mark 5:25-34 we find a woman who was also an outcast. She was not an outcast because she was a mixed-blood" or an "alien devil". No, she was a true daughter of Israel, a full member of the Chosen People of God. There was different reason she was an outcast. She was a "bleeder". She had been subject to this bleeding for 12 years. During all that time she had some kind of a bloody discharge. Now, you are probably thinking: "Well, that might not be pleasant, but it should hardly make her an outcast." To understand why this was serious, we need to go back to the Old Testament Law. You need to keep in mind, that while a person was unclean, that individual was basically an outcast. That person would be shunned. For the Jews there were many things that could make them unclean in the eyes of the Law. Eating certain kinds of food could make a person unclean. When a woman had her period she was considered unclean for one week afterwards. In Leviticus 15 we read:

<u>19</u> "When a woman has her regular flow of blood, the impurity of her monthly period will last seven days, and anyone who touches her will be unclean till evening. <u>20</u> "Anything she lies on during her period will be unclean, and anything she sits on will be unclean. <u>21</u> Anyone who touches her bed will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening. <u>22</u> Anyone who touches anything she sits on will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening. <u>23</u> Whether it is the bed or anything she was sitting on, when anyone touches it, they will be unclean till evening.'"



These are the rules just when a woman has her period which as we know is going to be a monthly thing for many years of her life. In fact, any bodily discharge, male or female, rendered a person unclean. Anything that person touched became unclean as well.

Now add to that the following: 25 " 'When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period.' "

So as you can see, this woman had a serious problem. Besides the discomfort of some kind of

discharge or hemorrhage, she suffered from the disgrace of being unclean. Other

people didn't want to become unclean by touching her or anything she had touched, so they shunned her. She was a social outcast who lived in isolation.

Now, this woman had not taken her illness lying down. She sought all the medical help she could. There is a statement in Mark 5 that strikes me as funny every time I read it. <u>26</u> She had suffered a



great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. Most of us have had nothing but good experiences with the medical profession, but some know what it is to suffer under the care of many doctors. We are fortunate in Canada with our healthcare system, rarely does an illness require us to spend all we have.

Medicine in those days was not scientific. So she spent all her money on people who were basically quacks. I am sure they did their best, but they had no idea how to heal her. We know of a number of proposed remedies for this kind of condition that were prevalent at that time. One was to have a person drink a goblet of wine into which had been placed a compound from among other things a rubber plant. Another treatment consisted of eating Persian onions cooked in wine as the doctor chanted, "Arise out of your flow of blood." Yet other doctors prescribed sudden shock. My imagination runs wild with thoughts of how this was accomplished. Still another was to walk around carrying the ash of an ostrich egg in a cloth. It might have been fun and lucrative being a physician, but cures were rare. For all of her seeking, this woman certainly didn't find a cure. **Yet instead of getting better she grew worse.** She had explored every avenue of healing but came up empty handed. Her condition deteriorated. It didn't get better.

In desperation she tried one last thing. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Does this seem like something magical to you? That a person could just touch the hem of a garment and be healed? Doesn't it strike you as some kind of hocus pocus? It is similar to a TV evangelist who says: "Just lay your hand on the TV while I pray and you will be healed!" or "Write to me, enclose a sizeable check and I will send you in the mail a

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What was in the shadow of Peter that healed people (Acts 5:15-16)? Why did God use Peter's shadow to heal pe... piece of cloth that has been prayed over. Healing guaranteed!"

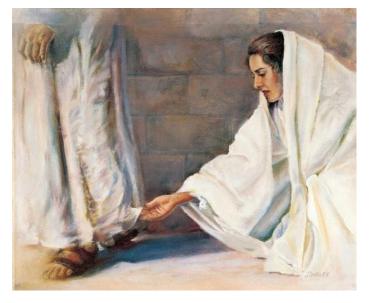
Acts 5 talks about the apostles performing many signs and wonders among the people. <u>15</u> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <u>16</u> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. Acts 19 tells us that in Ephesus <u>11</u> God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <u>12</u> so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. There was never any money involved when it came to the apostles. When a beggar expects to receive something, Peter said to him: "Silver and gold I do not have..." One man named Simon was so impressed by what the apostles could do through the laying on of hands, that he offered them money if they would give him this gift. Acts 8: <u>20</u> Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! <u>21</u> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.

We are not dealing with something magical. We are not dealing with religious hocus pocus. We are not dealing with a money making scheme. We are seeing that God works in ways that are outside our categories. We are seeing that God's power can be displayed in any way that he chooses.

There is one other thing that I notice in this passage that I believe is of tremendous importance. This woman was desperate. When people would come to Barnabas House looking for healing from some inner pain or for an answer to a difficult situation in their lives, I would occasionally ask them: "How desperate are you?" A person who is not desperate will be in no hurry to listen to what the Bible has to say about their situation. They will put conditions on what they are prepared to do before God. People who are not desperate will not repent when there is sin in their lives. They will not be open to forgiving someone who has wronged them. They will give you a very lopsided picture of the situation that is in their favour. They are unwilling to hear hard words. They are unwilling to hear the truth. However, desperation will

cause a person to do whatever God asks them.

This woman was unclean, but in desperation she set aside all her fears and her reservations and stepped out into the middle of a crowd that would have shunned her and backed away had they known her situation. It didn't matter what anyone else thought. She didn't care what they thought or said or did, because she was convinced in her mind that "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."



Now as soon as this woman touched Jesus, a good Jew, what would he have become according to the law? He would have become unclean, but she took the chance. $\underline{27}$... she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak.

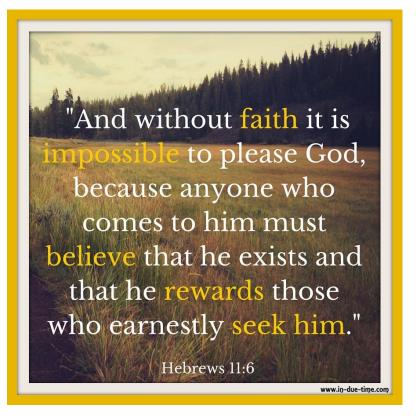


Now we come to something that I find very interesting. Growing up my father used to tell me about perpetual motion machines. He would draw diagrams of what they looked like and how they were suppose to work. He would tell me about how over the years people had defrauded investors by claiming to have invented such machines. A perpetual motion machine, once started, was supposed to continue to run without fuel or anything to keep it going. The point my Dad was trying to make was that you can't get something for nothing. He wasn't talking about money. No, he was talking about energy. To make something move, energy must

be expended. For every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction. There must be an energy source to overcome friction. This is a law of the universe. It is also a spiritual law. When this woman reached out and touched the hem of the cloak of Jesus she was healed. However it happened, Jesus was immediately aware of it. Why? Because <u>30</u> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Healing requires power. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This woman's faith unleashed the power of God. The power of God that went out from Jesus healed her.

Jesus did not let the incident pass. He insisted on knowing who had touched him. <u>32</u> **But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.** <u>33</u> **Then the woman**, **knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.** She was afraid and rightly so. Her action had rendered Jesus unclean. On top of that, she had known immediately that she was healed. Noticed how Jesus responded to the woman who **fell at his feet and**, **trembled with fear**. Does Jesus chastise her? Does he put bawl her out or put her down? No, <u>34</u> **He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."** No one who needs healing, whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual, ever needs to be afraid to come to Jesus. He receives everyone who comes to him honestly seeking his way in life and his touch upon their body, mind, soul or spirit. You must

come in desperation. Only the desperate know how much they need Jesus. Only when you are desperate are you willing to do what he calls you to do. And you must come to Jesus in faith. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11) However, to everyone who comes in faith, desperate to be healed and deal with the life issues they face, Jesus says: "My child, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."



Hymn:

"Out Of My Bondage", Metropolitan Tabernacle, London (Click on the link below to play the hymn. Lyrics on screen.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a gcNGCmU48

- 1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee; out of my sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth, out of my sin and into thyself. Jesus, I come to thee.
- 2. Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus. I come to thee. out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm, out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

- Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee; out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of de spair into raptures above, upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.
- Out of unrest and arrogant pride Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; Into thy perfect will to abide Jesus, I come to thee; Out of myself to dwell in thy love Out of despair into raptures above Upward on aye for wings like a dove Jesus, I come to thee.
- Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee; out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold, ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

<u>Offering</u>

Presenting our 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, 1 Drummond St W, Perth, ON K7H 3E3) We also have another option for you for giving and that is you can make an e-Transfer. This note from our treasurer.

E-transfers are now accepted. Please note the new email address for this purpose only. <u>standrewsperthoffering@gmail.com</u> 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 (eg Presbyterian Sharing) please mention this in your message.

Invitation to Offering

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for the People by the People – please continue to pray for members of our congregation and others that you personally know of.

- **Gord and Karen Polk** Our prayers go with Karen and Gord as we say farewell to them. Gord and Karen have been a large part of our congregation since their wedding at St. Andrew's in September of 2017 and are going to be deeply missed. We pray for God's blessing upon them as they go and ask that God would prosper them in all their endeavours. May they go with our blessing.
- Andy and Helen Vandesande Our prayers and best wishes as we say farewell to Andy and Helen. They have sold their house on Sharbot Lake and are moving to Bath, ON. On July 23rd the movers will be moving their furniture. They will be missed. We know that they are excited about this new adventure. We pray that this will truly prove to be the right move for them.
- For the leaders in our government (federal, provincial and municipal) to make responsible plans for reopening the economy and other activities that will not put our province at risk of further outbreaks of COVID-19.
- Those on the front line in the fight against COVID-19, especially the nurses and PSW's in our congregations. (Destiny Bowes, Glenda Gould, Connie Young, Tracey Laffine)
- For marriages that are struggling as a result of the pandemic.
- Jean and Jamie Wright Remember Jean and Jamie as they grieve the loss of a husband and father.
- Joanna Savage: When I called the Savage household last week, I was so surprised when Joanna answered the phone. She sounded well and said she was feeling good. I am sure she has good days and bad, and has a long and uncertain road ahead of her, but sounded just like the Joanna that we know and love.
- Stuart McKim
- Louise Burke Who has her house up for sale and is looking to move into Perth with her son Harold.
- Ann Savage
- **Deb Watring-Ellis** Deb latest treatment this week went well. The doctor is pleased with the results so far. Her next treatment is in four weeks with hopes to begin spreading them out after that.

- Dave & Anne Crawley Anne has another foot infection the third since April and is • finding it very tiresome and painful. She has been on antibiotics (both oral and IV) this time round, to emergency twice and is on home care for wound dressings. She has an orthopedic and infectious diseases consults, and an MMR all pending. **Paul Thompson**
- University and College Students (Holly, Caitlin, Colleen, Jonathan, Liam, Caleb and Issac)
- Angus Funston Had a good phone call with his doctor last week. Angus will be going to Sick Kids in Toronto in August to meet with a new doctor who is doing research into his condition. Thank you for all the prayers that have been offered on behalf of Angus and his family.
- Shut-ins and Nursing Homes (Elva Fair, Audrey Ferrier, Germaine Vanderklok, • June O'Hara, Gwen Travis, Lyn Harrington, Bing Jeun, Jo Mott, Ruth McTavish, Jackie & Brian Stapledon – Karen McKim's parents, Nellie Larabie)
- Lynn Harrington & Shelagh Stevens Lynn is Shelagh's mother and resides in Carolina Suites. She fell 2 weeks ago and broke a rib and her pelvis. She has been in hospital in Smith Falls and will shortly be released. Her recovery will be a long one. Please remember Lynn and Shelagh in your prayers.
- St. Andrew's The Session as they seek to lead St. Andrew's during this difficult time, particularly in preparation for our probable return to worshipping in the church in September.
- Rick & Colleen Richardson and their daughter Deborah Richardson It was discovered after visits to Perth Hospital, Hotel Dieu and Kingston General that Colleen had suffered a mini-stroke that has resulted in problems with her vision, some memory loss and her right arm going to sleep. Doctors also discovered a heart murmur. We praise God that there has been some improvement.
- **Eric & Lorrie Cousins** A funeral service was held for Eric's father on Saturday, July 18th. Pray for Eric's mother who is undergoing radiation treatment after being diagnosed with bowel cancer which has spread to her liver as well.

"Will You Come and Follow Me", (Click on the link Closing Hymn: below to play the hymn. Lyrics will be displayed on the screen.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

- 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Benediction

Go now secure in the love of God from which nothing can separate you. Delight in seeking the Lord look always for the power and the presence of God, and let love, like yeast in dough, permeate all you do.

And may God work for good in all things for you; May Christ Jesus conform you in the image of his love; And may the Holy Spirit help you in your weakness, interceding for you, and in you, according to the will of God.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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)

<u>St. John's Perth-Bell</u> <u>Ringing</u> (short version) <u>St. James Perth -</u> <u>Bell Ringing</u> (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.