

OUR MISSION - OUR VISION

Transforming lives through relationship with God and one another
Wesley-Knox - a vibrant Christian community striving to live gratefully,
deepen faith and reach out to God's world

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

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Mezzo: Jen Paterson
Baritone: Richard Yake
Piano: Richard Yake & Mallory Brennan

VOLUNTARY:

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WORDS OF WELCOME
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

WE APPROACH GOD

*(The * is an invitation to rise in body or in spirit)*

PRELUDE:

* **HYMN:** 262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God of all Love, Hope and Mercy, who's love is constant, true
and unwavering.

All: God who provides for all our needs

One: God who is with us through every season

**All: Who holds us through winter stillness into the bustling
harvest.**

One: Loving God, who grants us peace and pardon

**All: Set us free to walk in your path, inspired by the strength
and grace you grant each of us.**

One: Remind us this morning that in our faith, we carry your strength
and holding true to that faith, we can accomplish anything.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs.1)

LEARNING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 567 (vs. 4)

DUET: How Great Is God

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 32-49

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "SOVEREIGNTY"

SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER:** 539
*God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN:** 288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #13

* **COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE:** 298

*When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE:

Welcome Visitors: We welcome those of you who are visiting with us today and invite you to sign our guest books located on the back tables. If you wish office attention, please sign one of the Pew Cards and place it on the offering plate. After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for coffee, served by the Breakfast team.

There are activity packs for children who wish to colour during the service. Please return the packs to the table after the service, Thank you!

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GENERAL

Church Office summer hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your keys if you are coming after hours.

Merry is looking for small jam jars and their twist-on lids. If you have any, please give them to Merry.

"Re-designing Your Life: A Practical Spirituality for the Second Half of Life" will be a fall book-study offering a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversation and reflection on living the second half our lives with spiritual integrity, richness and what Jesus described as the abundant life. Books are NOW available in the office if you would like to add it to your summer reading list. We will meet 8 Tuesday evenings in the fall of 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. beginning September 25th.

The Top 20 Hymns!

We have begun the count-down of the top 20 hymns of Wesley-Knox! Actually, it will be the Top 21 Hymns because there was an 8-way tie for the last bunch, with many more getting Honourable Mention below that. All your favourite hymns, 36 in total, are quite diverse and varied, indicating a strong hymn culture at WK. Today we are singing #13. We will sing one a week throughout the summer, working our way up and ending on Sundaes Sunday, September 16th with the singing of the top three hymns.

Keep up-to-date: Leadership Council wishes to let the congregation know that the minutes of each meeting are available in print form. They are posted in the Social Hall on the bulletin board by the west entrance (farthest from the kitchen). This communication from Leadership Council will also be posted on the website in the near future. Please consider attending a meeting, as they are open to all Wesley-Knox folk. Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour. There is no meeting in July and an additional one is set for August - but the date is not yet confirmed.

A New Audio System is on its way!

Almost a year ago, we asked you for ideas on what you thought the next project of the Growth Campaign should be. The overwhelming response was to improve the audio system in the Sanctuary. An ad hoc committee was formed and consultation with different members of our staff and others in the church took place. A wish-list was made that looked at our needs today as well as our best guess for the future, all while trying to keep things within a reasonable budget. Everyone wanted to ensure that the audio system we choose today can be expanded and that video can be added at a future date.

At last Sunday's church service, we announced the exciting news that the leadership Council has approved the project. A supplier has been selected - Horizon Solutions and a new audio system is being installed in the Sanctuary of Wesley-Knox this July. We will have improved coverage throughout the entire sanctuary, new wireless microphones, improved recording capabilities and a fully digital system. We will improve the enjoyment of worship and other events. This will have a huge impact on overall hearing accessibility and enjoyment. It will also allow us to provide a well-equipped rental venue for community groups.

This is going to be a significant expenditure, the majority of which will be funded by the Growth Campaign. To be able to do this, we need everyone who pledged to the campaign to fulfill their commitments. We are currently running behind on the money collected compared to the pledges that were made. As of December 2017, the money received compared to what had been pledged was approximately \$24,000 less. Please consider fulfilling your pledged amounts if at all possible. If you need a status update, please feel free to contact Sheila LeClair either via email at sheila.m.leclair@rogers.com or by phone 519-657-6901. If you were not a part of the Growth Campaign but are interested in donating specifically to the audio project, we would happily welcome your gift. Any gift you make for this project will be added into your charitable givings for the year.

Kim is looking for donations of the following items (these can be dropped off any time during the week between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Thanks so much!

- cereal boxes
- toilet rolls
- egg cartons
- milk cartons
- paint chips
- craft foam
- shoe boxes
- pasta boxes
- empty matchboxes
- fabric scraps
- sheet foam
- newspaper
- paper cups
- dish detergent bottles
- buttons
- coin wrappers (the paper kind)
- tissue paper
- post-it notes
- pipe cleaners
- wooden spoons
- pool noodles

Scripture to mediate upon this summer

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." ~ Matthew 11:28-30

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." ~ John 14:27

"LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." ~ Psalms 30:2

"Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help." You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy" ~ Psalms 30:10-11

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God". Exodus 20:8-10

"Jesus said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat." Mark 6:31

Events in Worship

July 15	Chris Mortlock, preaching John McFall, baritone Susan Fisher, piano
July 22	Liz Dunlop, violin Richard Yake, piano
July 29	Christian Haworth, baritone
August 5	Neil Eadie, organ
