

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Guest Minister: The Rev. Linda Robinson

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Frank Walsh

Choristers: Nathan Dyck, Ariel Harwood-Jones, Robert Hutson,
Briana Sutherland, Patricia Wrigglesworth

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Prelude in D flat*

Wm. Hunt (1961)

* **Processional Hymn** Sing a new song unto the Lord (SING A NEW SONG) **422**

* **Responsive Call to Worship**

Jesus said: Those who love me will keep my word
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance (sung in unison) Psalm 103:12, 22 (DUNLAP'S CREEK) **702**

As far as east is from the west,
so far God bears away
our sins and all our brokenness;
bless God, my soul, this day!

Introit *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

D. Wilson (1973)

Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom wonders belong; rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power, O sing to the Lord a new song!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Teach me, God, to wonder (TEACH ME, GOD, TO WONDER) **704**

Word to the Children

Anthem *Let us Love one Another*

A. B. Sherman (1981)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is, not that we love God, but that he loves us and sent his only Son to save us from our sin. How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? He sent his only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love also and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O Lord as we open your holy Word this day, instill within us the desire to listen, so we may hear what you would have us hear and learn what you would have us learn. Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

p. 130 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17

p. 109 in N.T.

Sermon "Wonder, joy, love, challenge"

The Rev. Linda Robinson

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth (DUNLAP'S CREEK) **702**

Offering and Offertory *Holy Go, We Praise Your Name* F. Peters (1903-1986)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH) **830**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Solo *O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* J. N. Beck; arr. C. Courtney (2000)
Nathan Dyck, baritone

O love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in
Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that
morn shall tearless be.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration,
and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* **Recessional Hymn** O Breathe of life, come sweeping through us (SPIRITUS VITAE) **384**

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH) **780**

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe de Herren)* G. Merkel (1827-1885)

Announcements

New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. If you are feeling unwell, please consider joining Worship online, avoiding in-person attendance, and wearing a mask.

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

This morning, Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

Rev. David will be **away** until May 13. Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district elder. You may also contact The Rev. Keith McKee, who is providing pastoral coverage: he may be reached at 519.455.5760.

NSJ Gardens - Do you love to work in the garden? Well, we can use your help at NSJ. Do you have plants in your garden at home that you would be willing to share with NSJ? Well, NSJ has a spot for them. Please let Deb Noble-Van Hees know (at 519.471.6857 or denvh@hotmail.com) if you can help with either of these items.

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: please note that St. Paul's Cathedral is once again collecting **egg cartons** for its Social Services program.

Women's Missionary Society On Friday, May 10, help us welcome to New St. James our guests from India: Dr. Priya John (Director of the Christian Medical Association of India). There will be lunch (at 12:00 p.m.), with worship and program to follow (at 1:00 p.m.) The cost for lunch is \$10. For more information, contact Cathy Reid (at 519.204.7406 or reidc@rogers.com) or Marg McGugan (at 226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com). In addition, please see the posters on the bulletin boards.

There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- For Offering Envelopes, please call the Church Office (519.434.1127)
- Cheques may be mailed to NSJ: 280 Oxford St. E., London, ON N6A 1V4
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give—and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Judi Le Blanc (Office Administrator) at admin@newstjames.ca

Income Tax statements are issued by New St. James each year by the end of February.

Thank you for supporting the life and mission of New St. James!

As the church building has become a busy place again, a reminder to all NSJ groups and committees: please remember to **book your meeting space** in advance by contacting Judi Le Blanc in the Church Office.

Announcements are an important way to keep the congregation informed about the ministry of NSJ. The weekly deadline for submitting a requested announcement is Wednesday at noon. Announcements are reserved for information regarding the ministry of New St. James and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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