*Canon Davis Memorial Church*

*Anglican Church of Canada*

*Sunday, September 18, 2022 – Fifteenth Sunday after Epiphany*

We come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

*Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.*

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**9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Officiant—Rev. Ray Jenkins**

**Assisted By — Tom Brown**

**Organist—Dorothy Miller**

**Prayers of the People —Bill Graham**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Opening Hymn #415**​

***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image.  Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  now and for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading:​Jeremiah 8: 18, 9:1

READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

 The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm  79:

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance, they have profaned your holy temple, they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

**They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.**

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

**How long will you be angry, O Lord?  will your fury blaze like fire for ever?  Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. Remember not our past sins, let your compassion be swift to meet us, for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God ourSaviour, for the glory of your name, deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name’s sake.  In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge, let me never be ashamed.

2nd reading​​Timothy 2: 1-7

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel​Luke 16: 1-13

​​THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.  So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me?  I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.  I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’  He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’  He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.  And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.  Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.  If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?  And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?  No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other.  You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.*

Dear Friends,

My memories of my grandmother are warm and appreciative of what was important to her.  I remember her as being a loving proper woman whose world view reflected her having survived: WWI, the war to end all wars; the Spanish Flu; the depression and so much more.  She left her family in England and sailed to Canada on the next passenger ship after the *Titanic*.  She finally returned to visit her family in 1948.

She was at once, a delicate person and tough enough to be engaging and discerning.

These traits served her well.  She spent some of her time also living in western Canada, Minneapolis, and her later years in Windsor and Toronto.  She loved her great grandchildren — especially when they were still small enough to be cuddled.  Her idea of entertaining them was to place them on her lap in a rocking chair and to sing them to sleep.  The music cannot be found in any music store.  The words and the melody was always the same——  🎶 there, there, there, …sung over and over and over again.  Surprisingly, no one ever asked for anything more.

Not surprisingly, when the family would be making plans for an afternoon or so; everyone had an opportunity to voice what they would like to do —- that of course included my grandmother.  Her input was consistently the same; *Let’s have a nice quiet time.*she would always say.

My grandmother was a good person — always obeying the rules!  One day I was reading the newspaper.  It had an article in it on juvenile delinquency.  The article cited some difficult problems with some gang members.  The police, social workers and politicians didn’t seem to know what to do.  But my grandmother had a solution —— tell these gang members to *behave* was her advice.  There is no record of anyone taking that advice.

But what she was seeking to achieve is something commonly sought by countless folk in many areas down through many eras.  The Apostle Paul put it very well when he wrote: …*so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.*

But our everyday world seems to be going in the opposite direction.  *Quiet* and *peaceable* don’t describe what we seem to be experiencing in our daily lives.  In addition, to our trying to meet the demands of increasingly complicated lives; we are bombarded by the media with *Breaking News*updates of one crisis after another!

Yes, peaceable living can be hard to find at times.

How do some of us react?  We can turn inward and ignore what we are hearing, with the hope that troubles will somehow go away.  We can become active in working in support of really good causes.  We can examine the way we are living to see if we can improve how we can be more responsible in our habits and activities.  There are more ways we can help turn around much of our problems.

Paul suggests an area of action that we seldom hear, these days.  Listen again to the Apostle when he says:*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.*

What is noteworthy here is Paul’s call for us to pray — not something we hear much in the public sphere these days!  So important is the urging for prayerfulness; Paul goes on to suggest that we are to pray for EVERYONE!!!  Does that mean for us to pray for the bad guys as well as the good guys?  Strange as it might seem — yes!

Imagine what the world would be like if we focused our prayers on not only a better world; but a better attitude among some of those in world leadership positions.  If the prayers offered up came in abundance, think about the power for good  that would be unleashed by the people offering their prayers, and by God to whom they pray.

The results of this growing awareness would be a greater and greater sense of God sharing in our lives as we experience a greater sense of our sharing in God’s life.

That sharing can be expected to grow as our faith matures in our love of our neighbour and in the God who created us, and loves us, and listens to us.

We pray now in the words of Brother Roger of Taizé:

*Holy Spirit, your presence is offered to everyone, and in you*

*we find the consolation with which you can flood our lives.*

*And we sense that, in prayer, we can entrust everything to you.*Amen*.*

**Sermon Hymn #435**​

***Take My Life, and Let It Be***

**The Apostles’ Creed:** Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People  #9**

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**PRAYER FOR A RENEWED CHURCH: Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**The Confession:** Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Absolution:**Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Gentle peace…**

**Flows freely**

**Encircles fully**

**Refreshes gently**

**Comforts warmly**

**Reassures softly**

**Forgives easily**

**Fulfils entirely**

**Gentle peace…**

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn #429​**

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

**Offertory Response**

**Doxology**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:  God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Eucharistic Prayer # 5**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.  By your power you sustain the universe.**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.**

**In Jesus, your son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.  Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us.  He cares for the poor and the hungry.  He suffers with the sick and the rejected.**

**Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.**

**On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.  By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**On the night before he gave up his life for us,Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”**

**After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.  Do this in memory of me.”**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Gracious God, with this bread and wine we the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.**

**Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.**

**We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.  Amen.**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.   Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**The Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** **Ruler of the universe, all creation years for its fulfilment in your Son.  May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Doxology**

Glory to God, **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.    Amen.**

**Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love for ever more.  **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn # 486**​​

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

**Benediction Song**​

***Go Now in Peace***

 ***The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Louise and Glen Hayter, a dear and loving Mom and Dad, Gramma, and Gramps, and Great-Grammie and Great Granpooh, and loved ones a gift with love from Sheree Lynn, Mike, Jason, and Lucy.***

Please enter names in the**Intercessions Book**each week to be read in the service.

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week. E-mail: *canondavis@gmail.com* or call 519-344-9531

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If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and/or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

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Please join us for **Coffee Hour**after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

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**Happy Birthday and best wishes** to Joanna Hayter, Camryn Carroll and Isla Goulding from all of us at Canon Davis Memorial.

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**CDM**will celebrate the **Harvest Home Freewill Breakfast on October 2nd.  Please plan to join us.**

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The **Chancel Guild** is asking for donations of fruits and vegetables to decorate the Church for **Harvest Thanksgiving**.  All edible food will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd.  Please contact Seonaid Laidlaw for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

**18 Sept**​**Please note that**The **Christian Music Café** has been postponed until October.

**21 Sept**​Last Chance! Please join us for CDM’s famous and delicious “**Fish Dinner”.  Cost $20.00 Adults.  Call: 519-344-9531 to reserve.**

**21 Sept**​**Monthly Chancel Guild Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** **in the church.**

**28 Sept**​**Parish Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom.**