*Canon Davis Memorial Church*

*Anglican Church of Canada*

*Sunday, August 21, 2022 – Eleventh 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 — John Hayter**

**Organist—Dorothy Miller —Prayers of the People — Bill Blunt**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Opening Hymn #420**​***Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him***

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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading:​Jeremiah 1: 4-10

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH
Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."**

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm​71: 1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge, let me never be ashamed.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free, incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born, from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

2nd reading​Hebrews 12: 18-29

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

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Gospel​Luke 13: 10-17

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO LUKE

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. Luke 13: 10-17

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

 We have talked about it before.

It occurs in the private sector; also in the public sector; not to forget its existence in institutions.  Not surprisingly, we even find it in families.  Yes, it is frequently called *thepower of the negative*; and it can be more powerful than bullying!

We have all seen it.  How does it work?  It starts with a group of two or more people discussing an issue needing attention.

The discussion often starts off in a lively and upbeat way.  Solid suggestions are often made as most of the people find more and more agreement.  When most of the people involved are about to congratulate themselves for the progress having been made, a person who remained quiet, typically finds their voice and speaks up and verbally attempts to demolish all that had been agreed on by all the others.

All of a sudden the mood of the gathering changes.  A hush is felt and the feeling of optimism becomes subdued.  This can occur whether there is any validity to the negative words or not.  But the wind seems to go out of the sails of the positive attitude folk.

They often have feel they were left vulnerable.  At the same time, the naysayer is more protected.  For if his/her position proves to be correct, they are admired for their savvy.

If they are wrong, people have likely moved on and only vaguely remember much of the conversation.

Enter Jesus teaching in the synagogue.  He in compassion has just healed a woman of a crippling disease that she has had for 18 years.  This our Lord did in front of a group of rabbis and others.  There is an almost expected reaction from the leader of the Synagogue.

Having just witnessed a miracle of healing at the hand of God, is the reaction one of awe?  Well, not exactly.  Notice how the men who had come to the synagogue came to learn from Jesus.  And yet, they assumed they knew it all,and proceeded to try to teach the teacher they came to hear!

**The lead Rabbi stood up and verbally criticized Jesus for working on the sabbath.  This Rabbi was using a law that was meant to serve God and the people; making it into a potential barrier to healing.  That revealed him to come up short on compassion!**

**It also revealed a desire to promote self-interest at the expense of a woman in serious pain.**

**So, although technically the Rabbi was correct about the law and the Sabbath, Jesus quickly responded pointing out that the Rabbi’s argument doesn’t really hold up.**

**Anyone with animals must do the work of watering and feeding them every day – including the sabbath.  In doing so, Jesus drew their attention to a positive truth founded in love — love that takes precedence over technicalities, especially when human well-being is involved!**

**Our world is becoming more complex, more divided.  It needs to find ways of coping with new ways of understanding; and sadly, with new and dated expressions of prejudice.**

**We as Christians need to rise to Christ’s call for each of us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

**In an increasingly complex world; a world home to exponentially more people every year, may we increasingly respond to the call of the power of the positive in the face of those who all too quickly yield to promoting the power of the negative.**

**May we be a people of love and compassion as we try to be the followers of Christ who demonstrates these attributes in all their fullness.**

**We pray now in the words of Brother Roger.**

***Christ Jesus, you ask us the question: “Do you recognize the path open to you?”  We want to remain filled with such beautiful trust in you, Christ, that we can discover the way you look at our lives with compassion.*Amen*.***

**Sermon Hymn #430**​***Will You Come and Follow Me***

**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 #85**​***Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless***

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:  God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name 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 celebrate 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: Living God,increase in us the healing power of your love.Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of 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​*(see insert)*​*Here I am, Lord***

**Benediction Song​​​**

***Go Now in Peace***

***The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Garth Dew, a gift of his wife Joan and family.***

**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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**Central Baptist Church is once again running a reading support program at their church Tuesdays, with spots available every half hour from 4 to 8, September 13 to November 29, 2022.  Contact:  Marg Johnson, Coordinator, Kids Konnection – Reading Support Program. Or****kidskonnectionsarnia@gmail.com**

**Upcoming Events:**

**10 Sept**​**Fall Clean Up**of the parking lot and church.  If you are

​available to help, please call Karen at 519-344-0531.

**18 Sept 2:00 p.m**. The **Christian Music Café** is coming to Canon Davis.

Please join us for this monthly musical event.  Refreshments and treats will be available.  Free will offering.

**21 Sept**​Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as CDM’s

​famous and delicious “**Fish Dinner”**is back with in house

​dining.

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