**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

*Anglican Church of Canada*

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Gathering Hymn**​​***Great is Thy Faithfulness****(see insert)*

**Greeting**​​p. 185

Kyrie Eleison​p. 186

**Collect of the Day:  Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st reading​2 KINGS 5:1-14

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with

his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30​**“You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.”** ​p. 739

REFRAIN You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **R**
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **R**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **R**

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper." **R**

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

2nd reading​GALATIANS 6:1-16

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS
[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to

be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**​**#433**​***Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

Gospel​​LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

**Sermon**

**LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20**

Luke is the only gospel where we find the account of Jesus sending a specific 70 or 72 disciples to prepare the way before Him. The discrepancies in the number (70 or 72) come from differences found in approximately half of the ancient scrolls used in bible translations. The texts are nearly evenly divided between the numbers, and scholars do not agree on whether the number should be 70 or 72, although this is a relatively minor issue. Since the number 70 is repeated in other places in Scripture, it may be more likely that the actual number of disciples was 70, with the *2* being a copyist’s error. Whether there were 70 or 72 disciples sent out by Jesus is irrelevant. What is important are the instructions Jesus gave them and the power that came upon them to perform miracles and even cast out demons.

After appointing the 70 (or 72) disciples, Jesus spoke of the great need for evangelism (Luke 10:1–2). He then commissioned the 70, giving them these instructions which was a ten-point plan of how they were to conduct themselves: In the military, you would call these ‘marching orders :

1) **Go:** This is foundational. The 70 were to divide into pairs and visit all the places where Jesus was about to go.

2) **Be wary:** The 70 were like lambs among wolves since they were surrounded by dange

3) **Live by faith:** The 70 were to carry no extra provisions. They took the message of Jesus and didn’t need to be burdened with material things.

4) **Be focused:** The 70 were to greet no one along the road and not allow themselves to be sidetracked from the more important mission of evangelism.

5) **Extend your blessing:** Whoever housed the 70 was to be blessed, using the common greeting of the day, “Peace to this house.” Jesus is not just talking about a friendly greeting. To a Jew hearing this he understands that this blessing they were to give was not empty words, but was, in fact, real and tangible. He is actually introducing a Spiritual Presence in that house that will bring safety, security and good health.

6) **Be content:**The 70 were told not to seek better accommodations; they were to stay in the home that first received them.

7) **Receive your due:** The labourer is worthy of his wages. Doing evangelistic work is indeed work and is worthy of compensation.

8) **Be flexible:** The 70 were to eat whatever their hosts served; as God’s servants, they were not to be finicky.

9) **Heal the sick:**Jesus gave the 70 disciples specific authority to heal diseases and illnesses. It was as if theJesus - Great Physician had 70 interns making house calls. When the 70 returned to Jesus, they jubilantly recounted how they were able to heal diseases and cast out demons.

10) **Proclaim the kingdom:** The message of the 70 disciples was simple: “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” This was a clear-cut call to faith in the King who would soon visit each village. This was also the central message of Jesus’ preaching, in fact, most of the parables began with the introduction, “the kingdom of God is like this.”

Jesus then told the disciples that they should expect rejection in some villages, and He told them how to respond: publicly shake the dust of that place from their feet, proclaim the kingdom one more time, and warn them of coming judgment.

Similarly commissioning had occurred previously with Jesus’twelve apostles as the Lord sent them out to cure diseases and cast out demons. The main difference is that Jesus had told the Twelve that they were to preach in Galilee, avoiding Gentile areas and Samaria, but, in today's text, the 70 were given no such restriction.

The identities of the 70 disciples are never given, and the group is never mentioned again, even in the writings of theearly church in Acts. It seems their ministry was specific to preparing Jesus’ path to Jerusalem.

Various individuals have been suggested as possibly being part of the 70—the unnamed exorcist. Two of them may have been Barsabbas, also known as Justus and Matthiaswho was chosen by the twelve as replacements for Judas. One of the requirements for apostleship was that the candidate had to, “have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time of Jesus’ Ascension. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection”. We can also speculate that the 70 were part of the 120 gathered in the upper room on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was first poured out.

Since God did not consider it important for us to know the names of the 70 or 72 disciples that he charged with the important task of preparing the way for Jesus, we don’t need to consider it important, either. What Jesus called attention to was not the power He gave them but the fact that their names were written in heaven. Similarly, while we may get excited about visible miracles and demonstrations of supernatural power, the greatest miracle of all is the fact that unworthy sinners can become righteous children of God. When our focus moves to ourselves and how God is using us, we are headed in the wrong direction.

Like the 70, we too are commissioned to a life of evangelism. In Matthew we are told, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

But today the situation is as urgent as it was in the time of Jesus. As we witness, the decrease in church attendance, and frequent church closings, it is time for every baptized Christian, by virtue of the ministry of the baptized to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

”The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Maybe, just maybe, we too need a ten-point plan, as our marching orders

The Apostles’ Creed​p. 189

Prayers of the People  # 17​p. 123

**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​p. 191

The Peace​p. 192​

**Offertory Hymn #386**​***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

Offertory Response ​**Doxology**(sung)

​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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the Gifts:**God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ**.** **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer  # 4  ​p. 201

The Lord’s Prayer​p. 211

Breaking of the Bread  # 4​p. 212

Communion

**Prayer After Communion:**O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God​p. 214

Blessing

Announcements

**Mission Hymn**​**#383**​***Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun***

Officiant:​​Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:​​**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction​​*Howard’s Blessing (vs 1-2)*

*The****Flowers on the Altar****today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kershaw, Sister Velma, and loving husband Bill, a gift from Janey Phillips..*

**News and Events**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **10:00 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.  **Volunteers for coffee goodies needed for July and**

**August.  Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.**

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**Happy Birthday** wishes to Lucy Hayter, Janey Phillips, Ruth Lavigne and Karen McBride from all your friends at Canon Davis Memorial.