**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

***Anglican Church of Canada***

**July 31, 2022 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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**9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)**p.4

**Opening Hymn # 379**​***Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

Greeting

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading​Hosea 11: 1-11

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF HOSEA  
When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you likeZeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

 The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm​107: 1-9, 43 *(responsively at the half verse)***BCP**​p. 471, 472, 474

2nd Reading​Colossians 3: 1-11

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel​Luke 12: 13-21

Benedictus​p.  9

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**Collect of the Day  Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Peace​p. 11

Collect for Grace​p. 11

**Offertory Hymn**​***This Is My Father’s World***

Offertory Response       ***All Things Come of Thee***    *(sung)*

Sermon

​Jesus is in the middle of encouraging his disciples to confess when they are under duress, when he is interrupted by one of the crowd who wants Jesus to settle a financial dispute between him and his brother in the matter of inheritance.  Jesus, however, refuses to enter into the family squabble and instead uses the situation as an opportunity to teach about the seduction of wealth. The farmer is a wise and responsible person who has a thriving farming business. His land has produced so abundantly that he does not have enough storage space in his barns. He plans to pull down his barns and build bigger ones to store his grain and goods. Then he will have ample savings set aside for the future and will be all set to enjoy his golden years.

 ​At the heart of the parable is an abundant harvest which might be a good thing. But we know from Jesus’ introduction of the landowner that he is rich. But he is not portrayed as wicked-that is, he has not gained his wealth illegally or by taking advantage of others. He also is not portrayed as particularly greedy. He seems to be somewhat surprised by his good fortune as he makes what appears to be reasonable plans to reap the abundance of the harvest. What is wrong, we might therefore ask, with building larger barns to store away some of today’s bounty for a potentially leaner tomorrow? It appears nothing, except two things.

 ​First, we notice the farmer’s consistent focus throughout the conversation he has with himself where he asks, “*What should “I “do, for “I” have no place to store “my” crops?”*He then comes to a realization, *“I” will do this: “I” will pull down “ my” barns and build larger ones, and there “I” will store all “my” grain and “my” goods.*The consistent focus use of “I” and “my” throughout the conversation with himself shows alack of thought to help others, no expression of gratitude for his good fortune, no recognition of God at all. He has fallen prey to worshiping the “Unholy Trinity” of “me, myself, and I.” He is **no**t foolish because he makes provision for the future, he **is** foolish because he believes that by his wealth, he can secure his future. “*Soul you have ample goods laid up for many years: relax, eat, drink and be merry?*

  ​The farmer is called “fool” because of neither his wealth nor ambition but rather because he accords finite things infinite value. He has tried to insulate himself from fate and fortune through productive farming and adequate finances and he has come up empty. He has all he wants and more, yet at the end-which comes thatvery night-it proves inadequate. Can our wealth secure a relative degree of comfort? Certainly. Can it grant to us confidence that we are worthy of love and honour and in right relationship with God and neighbour?Certainly not. Only as we recognize that the gifts of ultimate worth, dignity, meaning, and relationship are just that-gifts offered freely by God-can we hope to place our relative wealth in perspective and be generous with it towards others.

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**Sermon Hymn #522**​***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

Prayer for the Queen and Commonwealth​p. 12

Prayer for the Clergy and People​p. 13

Prayer for All Conditions of Mortals​p. 14

General Thanksgiving *(said by all)*​p. 14

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom​p. 15

**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.**

The Grace​p. 15

**Closing Hymn #577**​***God of Grace and God of Glory***

Dismissal

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

People​​​**Thanks be to God.**

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

​*(found in the back of the blue hymn book)*

​**The Flowers on the Altar today are given** to **the Glory of God, a gift from the Chancel Guild.**

**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. Call519-344-9531 or E-mail: [canondavis@gmail.com](mailto:canondavis@gmail.com).

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

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**Happy Birthday and best wishes** to Rev. Ray Jenkins, Kristopher Dodkin and Joan Dew in August from all of us at Canon Davis Memorial.

**Upcoming Events:**

**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 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.**