Leaside
Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor, BWV 548 by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING
To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as guests invited to a table.
All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbours.
One: Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour, invites us to gather.
All: We gather with his friends around the world.
One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.
All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

***HYMN** *Come sing, O church, in joy! No.757*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of mercy and mystery,
when you invite us to your table,

you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts.
You ask us to come in peace,
seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.
In this silence, we hand over to you
the broken relationships, disagreements and
disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.
Free us from the burdens we carry
which we share in this silence,
so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world:
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe this good news!
All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
One: The old life has gone,
All: new life has begun.
One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

***HYMN** *Open our eyes, Lord*
(with hand motions) No.445

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:1-4a OT pg.498

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,
All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *God that madest earth and heaven*
arr. David Thorne

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4b-14 NT pg.198

One: The Word of the Lord**.**

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON To know Christ

***HYMN** *I come with joy No.530*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING INVITATION

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude.

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERING *Ah holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended by Helmut Walcha*

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow No. 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you;

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues concluding with the words: "…we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him,")

All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN** *Sent forth by your blessing No.775*

***SENDING**

One: Bless us, God, who parts the seas for freedom!
All: Lead us, teach us, feed us!
One: Bless us, Christ, with powerful stories!
All: Lead us, teach us, feed us!
One: Bless us, Breath of Life unbounded!
All: Teach, inspire, empower us!

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Go now in peace No.622*

Go now in peace:
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE: *Come Down, O Love Divine*
arr. William Phemister

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mary Scripture: Sylvia
Usher: Caroline Coffee Hour: Isobel and Weida

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful that we can worship together. If you are newer to the church, please help us stay connected with you by scanning the QR code on the screen or on the welcome card found in the pew**.**
- A warm **welcome to Jeff** who will be taking pictures of people-in-action during and after the worship service for our church website. With assistance from Ministry Forum of Knox College, our church is in the process of developing a digital strategy to help us communicate who we are as a church to the wider world.
- The next **Learn to Play Mahjong** takes place on Friday October 16th at 7pm. To reserve a seat, email admin@leasidepc.ca Registration is required.
- We are producing a **pictorial directory.** We invite everyone to be part of this exciting project by scheduling a photo appointment. The last photo sitting is **Thursday November 5**. Please contact **Touba** to book a sitting**.**
- For **Fall Food Drive**, please bring your items to the church by **Sunday October 25**. Caroline and Nancy will deliver them to the Food Bank on **October 27**. (For a list of items to donate, please see your Friday email). Please use this **QRcode** for making a financial donation.

- **Blessed are you** is a Bible study series based on the Beatitudes led by the **Rev. Harry Klassen**. It takes place in the Glebe Community Room on Sundays October 18, November 1,8, and 15 from 12:30 - 2:00pm. During this study we hope to discover who we are as a community blessed by the central focus of compassion and love. Please email admin@leasidepc.ca to sign up and indicate any dietary restrictions.
- **Centring prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Praying in silence for twenty-minutes can help us live more fully in the present moment as we grow more conscious of God's presence abiding within us. Email paul@leasidepc.ca for details.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Rosetta D., Jisu K., Paul K.,** and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

O God, loving source of all that is, we worship and adore you, by the grace of the Holy Spirit among us.

We confess that we have not always thought of the needs of others, especially those far away from us geographically, although their needs may far exceed our own. We ask your forgiveness for our selfishness and thank you for loving us in spite of it.

We thank you for the means to help others, especially those who are in great need. We think of those in areas of conflict and where natural disasters have upended people's lives. We thank you for PWS&D and its work throughout the world, and we pray for our partners in these places of special need.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Written by Nora Martin, PWS&D Champion at Knox Presbyterian Church in Woodstock, Ont.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are,

we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.