



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.**

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE *Prelude in E-flat Major by Camille Saint-Saens*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

One: God has invited us to gather together,

**All: for a time of singing, praying, and listening;
a time of being in community.**

One: We come to be reminded what gives us life
in abundance.

**All: We come to celebrate the presence of God,
who holds all creation in their hands.**

***HYMN** *Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you No.467*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Begin in silence

**Gracious God, you have revealed yourself in scripture,
prophets, and the Christ. Yet, we have reduced your**

gospel of liberation for all people, restoration of all creation, and redemption for the world into personal piety and devotion. We make idols of the trappings of empire, trusting in our own plots and plans while failing to believe and trust you with bold, transformative prayers. Help us, O God, live in faith and access your power. Remind us that you equip and endow us to be your body in the world so that all may flourish and experience abundance. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ, we are given new life.

All: **The old is gone away. The new is before us.**

One: We are freed to live fully in the present.

All: **That's the good news that sets us free to love!**

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

Praise to the Lord No.73

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 96:1-13 OT pg.550

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: **But the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
by Alan Smith*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:4b-16 NT pg.198

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I press on"

*HYMN

Fight the good fight No.690

OFFERING

One: As receivers of God's grace,
We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY

*Vater unser im Himmelreich
(Our Father in Heaven), BWV 636 by J. S. Bach*

*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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

***HYMN**

And can it be that I should gain No.352

***SENDING**

One: Go from here with joy

All: **to love and serve God and one another.**

***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. (x2)

POSTLUDE:

Cantilena by Tyler Versluis

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.

Pray alongside Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, a PWS&D partner in Guatemala:

Señor Jesus en este dia nos acercamos a ti dandote gracias por la vida del equipo de PWS&D de Canadá, para que les concedas sabiduría en sus labores que realizan te los ponemos en tus manos.

Lord Jesus, on this day we approach you, thanking you for the life of the PWS&D team. Grant them wisdom in their work. We place them in your hands.

Written by Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful that we can worship together.
- **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.
- 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, see your Friday email). Please use this **QRcode** for making a financial donation. 
- **Meeting for Merry Market**, please join Mary for a quick meeting right after church in the nursery this Sunday.
- A **lunch n' learn** will take place on Wednesday November 4th at 12pm in the Glebe Community Room. Leaside resident Gary Kapelus, the son of **Jerry Kapelus, a survivor of Auschwitz and the Buchenwald death march**, tells his late father's personal story. This is a story of human resilience, faith in humanity, and the sacred duty of memory.

- The last photo sitting for the **photo directory** is **Thursday November 5**. Please contact **Touba** to book a sitting.
- **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.
- The next **Learn to Play Mahjong** takes place on Friday **November 20th** at 7pm. To reserve a seat, email admin@leasidepc.ca Registration is required.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Karthik** and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mary

Scripture: Susan

Usher: Caroline

Coffee Hour: TBD

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.