

June 28, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. Canada Day



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpius"

Healey Willan Stephen Boda, organ

No. 256 Thaxted

OPENING HYMN

"I Vow to Thee My Country"
I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love;
The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness,
and all her paths are peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

the final sacrifice.

Minister: We gather to celebrate our country of Canada and to give

thanks to God for all we have been given.

All: We seek to honour God in how we care for our nation and

for one another.

Minister: We gather to listen for God's voice, to praise our gracious God,

and to actively carry out God's will.

All: With God's help, we will strive to keep our land beautiful and strong, and our hearts and minds tuned to our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

NATIONAL ANTHEM

No. 524 "O Canada"

O Canada TEMC Choir School Spirit Express Meghan Reesor, trumpet

O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North, strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we live in a land of abundance. We have food, shelter and social safety nets, for which we are especially grateful this year. Yet with all this, we often complain about the things we think we don't have. We too often take these blessings for granted and forget to express our gratitude to you. Forgive us and help us to appreciate what we have, so that we may focus our attention on you, your will and your good news; and lead us to what you would have us do to make our country and this world a better place for all, through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME

ANTHEM

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

*J.S. Bach*Jane Fingler, soprano
Clara Krausse, recorder
Stephen Boda, organ

Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful Shepherd's sight. Those who rule with wisdom guiding bring to hearts a peace abiding. Bless a land with joy made bright.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 26:19-32

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "On Being a True Citizen"

ANTHEM

"The Prayer"

Foster Olivia LaPointe, soprano Dan Bevan-Baker, baritone Elaine Choi, piano

I pray you'll be our eyes and watch us where we go and help us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way; lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe. I pray we'll find your light and hold it in our hearts when stars go out each night. Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day; lead us to a place, guide us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe. We ask that life be kind and watch us from above. We hope each soul will find another soul to love. Let this be our prayer just like every child. Need to find a place, guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

CLOSING HYMN

No. 238 "How Great Thou Art"

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee. How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee. How great thou art! How great thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art! Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in G Major"

Théodore Dubois Stephen Boda, organ

Hymns recorded from 2019 Canada Day celebration service. Thank you to trumpeter Paul Sanvidotti for his musical offering

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Effie McCombe (MacLennan) a donation has been made to the General Fund by James W. Wood.

"READING WITH REV LORI" BOOK SERIES **NEW DATES!**

Both books are available for purchase online. To order a copy through the church, please send an email to Rev. Lori.

**September 28, 2020 – *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, by Harriet Jacobs

"Harriet Jacobs was not an ordinary slave girl, and her autobiography is not an ordinary account of the miseries of slavery. She was a slave who triumphed not only by luck but by careful planning and daring deceit."

**November 9, 2020 – *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevski

Drawing upon experiences from his own prison days, the author recounts in feverish, compelling tones the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own nihilism, and the struggle between good and evil.

Join us to discuss these books at 7PM in the Reception Room.