



The Difference Food Security Makes - In Haiti, global climate change has left many farmers struggling to support their families. For people in Haiti who make their living from the earth, recent unpredictable weather has had devastating consequences. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through an agroforestry program that helps farmers by providing seeds for black bean, pigeon pea and corn crops—seeds that are more resilient. Farmers learn sustainable field management and band together in savings groups to make their earnings go even further. Elimène Joseph, an entrepreneur and mother of four, shared her experience: “Before becoming a member, I struggled to make ends meet. The program is showing me how to pool my resources together with other farmers. In truth, I do not have enough words to express everything the organization has done for me.” **Please mark your donation “Haiti Crisis.”**



PCC Daily Prayer - We pray for struggling farmers in the developing world whose livelihoods have been impacted by climate change and give thanks for programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that help them.



Every year—on **September 30**—we are called to help build awareness of the inter-generational impacts of Residential Schools through the simple, yet meaningful, act of wearing an orange shirt.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has prepared a video that provides a brief overview of the PCC’s role in colonization and Residential Schools, along with the ways in which racism and colonial attitudes shaped the church’s mission, with devastating consequences. Reflection/discussion questions and links to related resources have also been provided to help people make use of this educational tool within their congregations. <https://presbyterian.ca/2021/09/13/video-residential-schools-pcc/>

You can stay up-to-date on the church’s ongoing work toward healing and reconciliation on the Indigenous Justice page of the Social Action Hub.



OUR PURPOSE

Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

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Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO



Welcome!

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122

We are thankful to be in Elmwood’s sanctuary again.

Worship will continue to look different for now. All of the books we normally use for worship will not be used in order to minimize the number of items that might be touched and shared. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Organ Preludes: Subdue Us by Thy Goodness (Cantata 22)

J.S. Bach

Air on the G String

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

M: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

M: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

M: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

Solo: God is My Shepherd

Antonin Dvorak

Soloist: Karianne Pasma

Text for the solo:

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.

My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!

My fainting soul doth He restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still.

Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: 1

- 1 Blessed are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 **but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they flourish.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

***Gloria Patri** (*said*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Scripture Readings: **James 3:13-4:3, 8a** (pgs. 1303-r, 1174-w, 982-NRSV)
St. Mark 9:30-37 (pgs. 1085-r, 979-w, 821-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Organ Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young



We wish to welcome back Karianne Pasma and to thank her for her gift of music this morning.



Welcome Visitors! - Thank you for worshipping with us today, at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. You have enriched our community and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. You may wish to visit us on the web at www.elmwoodchurch.ca to learn more about us and what opportunities are available for personal spiritual growth and service to others. If you are not an involved member of a faith community, but seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday for worship and fellowship.

If you would like to speak to the minister, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492.

Listen Again: You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MISSION COMMITTEE - Welcome back, Everyone! Not only have you been missed by fellow Elmwood congregants but also by the local charities we support throughout the year. There is a laundry basket in the Narthex ready to collect your donations of items for school lunches, eg. juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit cups along with toilet paper, baby blankets and baby formula. Please ensure that every food item is **NUT FREE**. If you prefer to donate money, make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Services'. Thank you from your Mission Committee.

Reminder - Our Mission project for November and December is hats, mittens and socks.

ANNUAL BAZAAR - Currently, we are planning to proceed with our Annual Bazaar on **November 6th**. We will adhere to all the COVID-19 guidelines and adjust as needed. So, if you're in the midst of canning, please remember to make extra jars for our bazaar. Also requesting gluten-free baking this year along with all the other sweet treats. We need your help and your support will be greatly appreciated. In the event of another total lockdown, we will make other arrangements to sell and distribute our goods. We'll keep you advised as more details become available.