



**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
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**September 22, 2019**

*\* Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

### **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: Ye Servants of God ; The Longer I serve Him

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;

**Praise the name of the Lord!**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,**

The name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.

**God's glory is above the heavens.**

**Let us worship God together.**

Hymn of Praise: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me      **# 699 Blue**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

God of Goodness, You share your abundance with us and shower us with gifts. But we confess that we have squandered those gifts. We have wasted knowledge, friendship, beauty and wealth; we have squandered our time and energy, sometimes even our trust and love.

Forgive our foolishness. Have mercy on us.

Teach us new ways of living out your love in the world today and every day, with the help of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements:

Introit: Little is Much When God Is in It - Kittie J. Suffield –  
Vv. 1 & 2 sung by the Senior

choir

Congregational chorus;

Little is much, when God is in it!  
Labor not for wealth or fame;  
There's a crown - and you can win it,  
If you'll go in Jesus' name.

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Children's Hymn: Seek Ye First      **# 625 Blue**

Children's Story:

Special Item: A Vessel of Honour      *Lurline Jones*

Psalm: 113      Refrain # 2

**The Scriptures:**

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7      ( page 963 )

Anthem: Give me oil in my lamp - arr. by Christian Strover

Sermon: Faithful Stewardship

Hymn of Response: All To Jesus I Surrender      **# 451 Red**

Prayers of God's People concluded with The Lord's Prayer

### **WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Offertory: He - Richard Mullen / Jack Richards

\*Offertory Hymn:

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.  
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of joy. **Amen.***

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: The Lords My Shepherd (Happy Wanderer) **# 366 Red**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: Give of Your Best to the Master - Howard B. Grose /  
Charlotte A. Barnard

## Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and we welcome everyone to this worship service as we give joyful praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We wish for everyone a tremendous blessing as we worship God together. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time.

If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

**Nursery:** The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

### Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Ramdeo and Susan Ramnares

Duty Elder: Ernest Birbalsingh

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you wish pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: [lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com).

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

### Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**-We share in worship as we give joyful praise to God for drawing us together in service, faith and love. **All are invited to share in a time of fellowship following this worship service.**
- **World Communion:** On Sunday October 6 we join with Christians all across the world as we share in World Communion. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to unite in Spirit as Christians, as we share in The Lord's Supper and share some special prayer concerns on worldwide issues.
- **Kirk/Session:** The Kirk/Session will meet on Monday October 7 at 7:00 pm.

- **St Mark's Anniversary Service:** On October 27<sup>th</sup>, St Mark's will be celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All are invited to make a special donation of \$ 47 to the church for this special occasion. We will also share in a time of fellowship after our Anniversary Service.
- **Thanksgiving Sunday:** On Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> we will share in our Thanksgiving worship service as we pause to give God thanks for providing for us in so many ways. Please bring a gift of a fruit or vegetable to share with someone.
- **Bible Study:** All are invited to share in a study on the Epistle to the Ephesians on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. A blessing awaits you.

The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

The Intermediate Choir will rehearse following the service of worship.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or [sla1302@sympatico.ca](mailto:sla1302@sympatico.ca). (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today and for the months of August and September will be donated by Abhijit Ghosh

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2019 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

### Website:

Our Technology committee has updated our website. Please visit our website at: <http://stmarksmalton.ca>. Give us your feedback!

### Especially in our prayers

.. Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick and who are homebound:

- .. Hazel Humeniuk
- .. Nashwill Gordon
- .. Muriel Bennett
- .. Helen Forsyth
- .. Sandra & James Moravek



~ Edna Hazel  
 ~ Verna Dockendorff  
 ~ Sarwar Paul Hussain, (Azar Paul's Father)  
 ~ Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharran (Susan Ramneres' nephew and 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin who are both recovering from illness)  
 ~ Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery.  
 ~ Ivy Jones who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
 ~ Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is faithfully going through chemotherapy as he battles cancer)  
 ~ The family of Jonathan Davis who lost his life in a tragic incident on Darcel Avenue. We are also praying for the families of those who are still in hospital recovering and for those who are still traumatized by this act of violence.  
 ~ Please pray for the situation in Hong Kong, that the Lord will have mercy and bring peace, as pressure is building on all sides and emotions are becoming more raw and frayed.  
 ~ Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.  
 ~ **We pray for people in the Bahamas** who are today trying to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. This category 5 hurricane battered the 700-Island nation for over 24 hours, leaving a trail of disaster and disrupting lives and livelihood. Let us pray for relief agencies and other responders who are reaching out to them at this very sad time.  
 ~ Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith.  
 Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:  
 ~ For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.  
 ~ For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God's light lead and guide them forward.  
 Prayer Chain: If you would like the prayer chain to pray for you or for a particular concern please contact Hazel Humeniuk at 905-677-6828 or [hazelandwilliamhumeniuk12@gmail.com](mailto:hazelandwilliamhumeniuk12@gmail.com).

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark's at 905-677-4514 or [stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com)

### **Sermon Thoughts: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

The passage 1 Timothy 6:6-19 talks about what "true riches" are. It consists of two main paragraphs: First, the author describes behavior that provides contentment and mentions things that lead to temptation. Second, he gives further ethical advice, which he labels "the good fight of faith" (6:12).

Usually, Bible passages about material wealth cause some amount of discomfort or even reprehension among people in our modern North American context, which has a strong materialistic orientation. On a global scale, many of us would, after all, qualify as "rich." Moreover, there are many who often tend to associate personal success and happiness with material affluence. Therefore, texts such as 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 that pose questions regarding riches might be considered a challenge to our entire cultural and economic system.

The New Testament features several other texts with a similar attitude toward material wealth as in 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. Jesus, for example, said: "You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24 and also in Luke 16:9, 11, 13).

What Paul is urging Timothy to is contentment, and growth godliness, in contrast to the things which may stand in the ways of both—be it a love of controversy, "disputes about words," and wrangling, all of which come just before our reading begins in verse 6. The point Paul makes in this text isn't that money in itself is only and always evil, or that the possession of wealth produces only sin. Rather, Paul is urging contentment with what is God-given, and cautioning that if one loves wealth and gain, it can lead to danger.

#### *When I look into Your holiness*

When I look into Your holiness  
 When I gaze into Your loveliness  
 When all things that surround become shadows  
 In the light of You  
 When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart  
 When my will becomes enthroned in Your love  
 When all things that surround become shadows  
 In the light of You

#### **Chorus:**

I worship You I worship You  
 The reason I live is to worship You