

# Rosedale Presbyterian Church

A Member of the St. James Town Ecumenical Coalition



*Jesus and the Children by Rembrandt*

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017 – 10:30 AM

# GATHERING

PRELUDE                    *Rhapsody on an Old English Tune - Cyril B. Rootham*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #671                *I heard the voice of Jesus say*  
                                  *(The Book of Praise, navy blue book)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*standing*)

Holy and generous is God,  
**the author of all things;**  
loving and gracious is Christ,  
**the bearer of our salvation;**  
gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit of truth,  
**the breath of new life.**  
Come, let us worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*standing and in unison*)

God of Grace,  
you create our minds and help us to grow in wisdom.  
You create our hearts  
and help us to expand our love for you.  
You create our voices  
and encourage us to sing your praises forever.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
so we may worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*seated and sung to Healey Willan: Missa Sancta  
                                  Maria Magdalena*)

Let us now with a sincere heart and humble voice,  
seek the forgiveness of God  
Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ have mercy upon us  
Lord have mercy upon us  
O God, make clean our hearts within us  
And let thy Holy Spirit dwell in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated*)

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER

# THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*seated and in unison*)

God of Wisdom,  
by your Spirit, open our minds to your truth,  
our hearts to your gospel,  
and our hands so that we can do your will.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 24:1–2, 14–17

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM 84:1–12 (*Burgundy Book, Refrain 1*)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #521 *Child of blessing, child of promise (vss. 1-3)*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN #619 *The Aaronic Blessing*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #521 *Child of blessing, child of promise (vs. 4)*

ANTHEM *A Small Child - Anderson*

*Praise the Lord, O my soul, for He hath done wondrous things.  
Sun and rain, a small child, love's pain, the joys my tomorrows will bring.  
Faith, hope and love, my joy in the Lord these tomorrows will bring.  
Amen.*

GOSPEL John 6:56–69

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

HYMN #637 *Take my life, and let it be consecrated*

SERMON *A Peek Behind the Curtain*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

## THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *Talk about a child that do love Jesus ('Here's one')*  
- arr. Wm. Grant Still

*Talk about a child that do love Jesus:*

*Here's one. Here's one.*

*In ol' Satan's snares I once was fallin'*

*But I heard the voice of my Lawd callin'.*

*Talk about a child that's been converted:*

*Here's one. Here's one.*

*Ever since I heard the gospel story*

*I been walkin' up the path to glory.*

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (*standing – Book of Praise #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 (*standing and in unison*)

Loving God,

accept our time, our talents and our treasure.

Put them to good use for all your people,

wherever they are, whatever their needs.

We give these gifts in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## THE DISMISSAL

HYMN #652      *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

THE COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION (*standing*)

CHORAL AMEN      *Anderson*

POSTLUDE      *Outer Hebrides - Paul Halley*



We invite you to remain in the sanctuary following the Benediction to listen to the Postlude. If you wish to leave, we invite you to do so quietly.

*Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.*

*Greeter:* Bunny Lumsden

*Reader:* Irene King

Last Week's Offering	\$ 3,944
Operating	\$ 3,103
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 382
Other	\$ 459
Last Sunday's attendance	66

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** for **Andrew George Staikos**, infant son of George and Christina Staikos. Welcome to family and friends who are here to share in this special event.

**The Church Office** will be closed for the month of July. The Reverend Wes Denyer can be reached throughout the summer on his cell phone at 416-271-2233.

**Summer Worship Services** will once again be shared this year with Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. We will be worshipping at Rosedale United Church in July and we will be worshipping at Rosedale Presbyterian Church in August.

**Seeking Couch Donation** Our Director of Music is seeking the donation of a couch for his new basement office. Nothing fancy required, will come to pick up. Contact wesdenyer@rogers.com if you can help.

**The Globe and Faith** considering current events in the light of our Christian faith will meet on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:30 am. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly. For more information, please contact Wes Denyer who will be facilitating this conversation each week.

The Globe and Faith discussion group will be continuing on Wednesday mornings throughout July and August.

**Summer Church Barbecues** will be held on Wednesday, July 19th and Wednesday, August 16th at 6:00 pm. Please bring a salad or a dessert and, if you wish, a beverage of your choice. There will be a \$5 charge per person. Please RSVP to Wes Denyer (wesdenyer@rogers.com).

**Aisha Tito Family:** Please enjoy the photos of Aisha and her 3 children posted in the hall.

Summer activities confirmed for the children so far: Nagham and Jowan will both attend summer school for half days in July, with a lot of focus on English. In August, they will attend the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office Summer Day Camp for the first 3 weeks of August. Jowan and Hamoudi will attend one fully subsidized week at Monarch Park Stadium Day Camp.

**Summer Drivers Needed** Once we have established the swim classes (likely in the afternoons in July) and some day camp sessions (possibly the weeks of August 14- 25 that the 2 younger children might attend), we may need help with driving. Please call Annemiek if you have weeks in the city when you might be able to be part of a driving roster.

**The Rosedale Presbyterian Church Artisan Show and Sale** will be held on the weekend of October 28th and 29th. If you would like to participate in this show, please contact Jill Sword (jillsword@rogers.com) or the Church Office (rpcc.ca) for more information.

—~— Upcoming Events —~—

*The Globe and Faith*

Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 am

*Summer Church Barbecue*

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 pm

## MUSIC

For a variety of reasons, endings and beginnings tend to draw me inexorably towards my 1/4 Celtic roots. As the choir and I end our first season together, we are also happily situated at a beginning — of our fuller, richer and longer ministry together. So it is that today's service begins and ends with selections based upon melodies from Scotland and Ireland, respectively. Canadian-raised-and-educated composer Paul Halley's own roots are fairly pure English, but he shares with me (and probably many of you) a love of the now lively and dance-like, now soulful and lamenting music of the Celtic peoples. Charles Stanford's pupil Cyril Rootham was not wrong in claiming a folk song about the biblical story of Lazarus and Dives to be English — but as a tune that pops up all over the fair Isles, it is perhaps better known not as the hymn tune 'Kingsfold' collected in the 20th century by Ralph Vaughan Williams, but rather as the secular song "The Star of County Down" from Ireland.

On the joyous occasion of our celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, we in the choir are drawn to two very different pieces that evoke childhood - not just that of our young candidate and new sibling in Christ, but our own spiritual childhood in the bosom of our great and glorious God. Having left Christmas's Glorias, Easter's Alleluias and the many masterworks spanning the centuries that have so fed and nurtured us as an ensemble this season, we settle on our last Sunday before our return in September into the humility, the wonder and the joy of being children of the Light.

It is with great satisfaction and still greater expectation that I complete my first season sharing the great music of the faith with Rosedale Presbyterian Church. I am honoured and humbled by the friendship, the artistry and the devotion I have found within this community, and I look forward eagerly to a long and fruitful association.



**Rosedale Presbyterian Church** 129 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto,  
Ontario M4W 2S3 • Phone: (416) 921-1931 • Fax: 416-921-7497  
E-mail: [office@rpcc.ca](mailto:office@rpcc.ca) • Website: [rosedalepresbyterianchurch.ca](http://rosedalepresbyterianchurch.ca)

*Office Administrator*

*Hours*

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Minister*

THE REV. WES DENYER

[wesdenyer@rogers.com](mailto:wesdenyer@rogers.com) (416) 271-2233 (cell)

*Music Director*

CHRISTOPHER DAWES [cd.orgalt@gmail.com](mailto:cd.orgalt@gmail.com)

*Christian Education*

*Co-ordinator*

JENNIFER BELL [education@rpcc.ca](mailto:education@rpcc.ca)

*Church Administrator*

BROOKE ALYEA [office@rpcc.ca](mailto:office@rpcc.ca)

*Church Officer*

MARC ROBERTS

[co@rpcc.ca](mailto:co@rpcc.ca) (647) 770-9343

---

**Our Mission** *We witness to Christ in our spiritual vitality and in our social involvement by nurturing all in the Christian life, communicating the gospel to our community, and inspiring faithful devotion & service*

**Our Vision** *We seek to be a vital, growing community of faith, with a glad and generous heart, that shares the blessings of the Christian life.*

---