

South Buxton and Talbot Street Pastoral Charges

Canada Day Service – July 3, 2022

Prelude: “The Maple Leaf Forever” – Christie Coatsworth

“O Canada”: VU 524

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons 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.

Welcome by Chief Scott Russell:

Moment of Silence:

Eric: We will observe a moment of silence to remember those who have served in the past and are now serving in the presence of God. Three rings of the bell will mark the end of our moment (traditional call to "return to the station"). Today, the bell is rang by Firefighter Steve Walker. Today please remember those firefighters who have died since we last gathered. Eric will close with prayer.

Ringing of the Bell: by Firefighter Steve Walker

Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the service of our firefighters. Although someone from the South Raleigh Fire Hall may not have passed away this year - many of these firefighters know of, and remember those fellow firefighters from across Chatham-Kent who have passed on. Thank you for their service. We honour them today in your presence. In Jesus' Name, we do pray. Amen.

Announcements:

Pastor Eric will be on vacation from July 4 to September 1, 2022. The next Service will be September 4th; at St. Luke's at 9:30 am and St. Andrew's at 11 am.

Charing Cross and Wesley Services are: at Wesley only, at 10 am on July 10 and 17. At Charing Cross only, at 10 am on July 24, 31 and August 7. No Services for August 14, 21, 28 or September 4th.

Merlin and Fletcher are on Zoom only for July and August. Please email rev.c.swan@sympatico.ca to get the Zoom Link.

For Emergency Pastoral Charge, please call Andrew at (519) 358-2147 or Sharon at (519) 401-5529 or Bruce at (519) 401-4663 or Colin at (226) 345-6404.

“Tea with Tammy on Tuesday at Two” is a fundraiser for the “Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry”. Book with Tammy for Tea and Desserts at 226-626-8972.

Welcome to the South Raleigh Fire Station Number 16, as we celebrate Canada Day.

Thank you for your support of all our past services, which are posted on our websites – Southbuxton.ca and Talbotstreet.ca

Thank you to our production crew; music by Christie Coatsworth, readings by Annette Skillings and the slides by Tracey Major. They make all the difference. Thank You today for the Firefighters who have offered so much to today’s service.

Medical: By Captain Paul Walker

Call to Worship:

Eric: Moses said to God, “I am slow of speech and slow of tongue...”

People: but God sent him anyway.

Eric: Jeremiah said, “I am just a boy...”

People: but God spoke through him anyway.

Eric: Mary was perplexed by the angel’s visit,

People: but God still invited her to give birth to Jesus.

Eric: God invites us to understand that we have gifts and we are needed: whether old or young; tired or energetic; quick or slow. God has called local South Raleigh women and men to serve as firefighters at Station 16, and they responded with “Yes”.

People: Whoever we are, however we are, we hear your call, O God. We have come.

Eric: Let us come as we celebrate Canada Day, to worship as the wider community.

Wheatley Update: by Captain Paul Walker

Wheatley Timeline: CTV News article

Opening Prayer:

People: God we come to you; for we need healing, for we need teaching, for we need leading. As we gather today as the community; we sing, we pray, we listen, we learn about our community. We gather and give thanks for the way this community is protected by our Volunteer Professional Firefighters in so many ways, and in ways that are very relevant to our rural community. May we open ourselves to your protecting blessings. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Grain Rescue Training: by Captain Ken Wood

Scripture: Psalm 30 “God Is With Us” by Firefighter Dani Labonte

I give you all the credit, God— you got me out of that mess, you didn’t let my foes gloat. God, my God, I yelled for help and you put me together. God, you pulled me out of the grave, gave me another chance at life when I was down-and-out. All you saints! Sing your hearts out

to God! Thank him to his face! He gets angry once in a while, but across a lifetime there is only love. The nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter. When things were going great, I crowed, “I’ve got it made. I’m God’s favorite. He made me king of the mountain.” Then you looked the other way and I fell to pieces. I called out to you, God; I laid my case before you: “Can you sell me for a profit when I’m dead? Auction me off at a cemetery yard sale? When I’m ‘dust to dust’ my songs and stories of you won’t sell. So listen! and be kind! Help me out of this!” You did it: you changed wild lament into whirling dance; You ripped off my black mourning band and decked me with wildflowers. I’m about to burst with song; I can’t keep quiet about you. God, my God, I can’t thank you enough.

Message: “Giving Credit to God”

How much do we rely on God or even others for that matter? Usually when we are in trouble or we see our final days before us. When we get in times of trouble, we in South Raleigh are blessed with the professionalism of our Volunteer Professional Firefighters. They are trained for Fire Service, prevention and they are helpful with Fire Safety and Alarms help or checking as needed.

They are also well trained as Emergency Medical Assistance, Traffic control in Motor Vehicle Accidents, Grain Rescue Recovery, as well as general public safety – including helping other departments as needed, such as Wheatley.

Not only are they Professionally trained as Fire Fighters, Medical and special rescue, they are trained to perform regular truck and equipment checks, how to use special equipment such as “Jaws of Life” and those special spreader tools. They know and are trained with special equipment to rescue people trapped in Grain Bins or ice cold water. The list of training, expertise, and skill levels of all of our South Raleigh Firefighters is amazing – Professional Training and expertise that we can trust as the community. When we are in trouble, South Raleigh Firefighters are here with us to help us through the trouble. Prayer never hurts and we also trust that the protection of the South Raleigh Fire Department and their firefighters are a gift from God to each and every one of us in our community. We are never alone. The South Raleigh Fire Department is just around the corner and we know God is always with us. Thanks be to God.

Training: By Station 16 Deputy Chief Chris Pepper

Truck Checks: By Station 16 Deputy Chief Chris Pepper

Reflection Hymn: B 56 “God Will Take Care of You”

Be not dismayed whatever betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you, Through every day, over all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you, Through every day, over all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you, Through every day, over all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you, Through every day, over all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

Alarms & CHiRP: by Whitney Burke – Public Educator with Chatham Kent Fire

Insurance Proving: by Station 16 Chief Scott Russell

Invitation to Share Our Gifts:

Eric: God is always open to us, present with us and glad to receive us, regardless of what we have or what we bring. In gratitude for this unconditional love and unconditional welcome, let us offer our gifts.

Offertory: VU 541 “Praise God From Whom...”

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.

Offertory Prayer:

People: O God, your generosity to us calls out of us a response - we offer a portion of our treasure, our talents, our time - even our very selves to your work in our community. Bless our offerings on this day, and use them to further your work among us, our community, and our world. Amen.

Firefighter’s Prayer: by Firefighter Kelly Russell-Guy

When I am called to duty God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child,
Before it is too late,

Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert,
To hear the weakest shout,
Then quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling Lord,
To give the best in me;
Halting all the fear and pain;
Protecting Life and property.

And when that moment comes, dear Lord,
When end of life draws near,
I trust to your eternal love
All those whom I hold dear.

Immersion Suit: by Station 16 Chief Scott Russell with Firefighters Darcy and Nicole

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Eric: Healing God, we come before you with wounds in our hearts and in our bodies: illnesses and griefs; difficult relationships; financial problems; harsh words said that we cannot retract; pain we have inflicted and pain we carry. We seek your help.

People: For our friends and family members: *(pause).*

Eric: For our congregations and our communities: *(pause).*

People: For those we do not know, here and abroad: *(pause).*

Eric: We ask that your tender arms surround those in pain. May there be healing where healing is possible. May we all know your loving, caring presence.

People: Remind us that we can be the means of carrying your love to others; as Professional Firefighters, and also by being a caring community.

Eric: We can be your hands and feet in this world, no matter how strong or how smart we are.

People: On this Canada Day celebration, we give you thanks for our freedom, for volunteers who keep our community safe and prosperous, and for neighbours who care for each other.

Eric: Help each one of us to see how we can shine the light of your love and care to those who need to see it, as we pray together 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, forever and ever. Amen.*

New Equipment: by Captain Paul Walker

Blessing:

Eric: Whether big or small, old or young, may you know you are blessed and loved by God. May you too answer your call to be God's loving and caring grace in our community, now and forever more.

Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Postlude: "A Centennial Song" – Christie Coatsworth

Prayers: - Please include these people in your prayers this week.

We have offered prayer for these people each Sunday morning just before the Zoom Service. It was suggested to share these names with the total group – as "In the Spirit We Are One".

Cancer:	Tom	Louise
	Betty	Ingrid
	Alison	Brenda
	Nancy	Lisa
	Sarah	Larry
	Brian	Jack
	Zoe	Becky
	Francine	
	Melissa	Karen
	Jenny	Michelle
	Gary	Margaret
	Gus (Sick kids)	Dolly
	Chris	Ukraine – Allied and Canadian Forces
	Glenna	Barry
	Ann	Joe
	Lori	John (Sara's Father)