

June 21, 2022



Parable of the Pastor



It has been almost a month since Hunter left us. There is an abundance of reminders of his presence and personality within our home. We smile when we remember his antics. Still, it is spring and new life emerges around us.

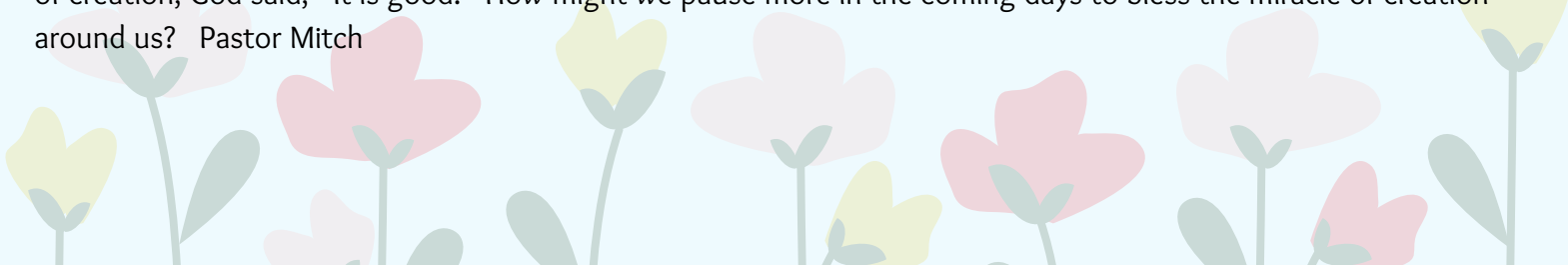
We awakened Sunday to find a new family that have taken residence in the large tree in our backyard. Mum raccoon and her four babies have taken up residence high among the upper limbs. Sunday she was teaching them to climb down the tree, jump on the roof of the shed and scurry off to hunt for breakfast. Mum was not especially fond of my presence at the corner of the yard snapping pictures.

I am enamored with Mum's protective instincts, her nurturing nature and the playful children high in the limbs learning to navigate the heights. We understand from neighbours this has been an annual site for birthing baby raccoons for several years. Consider us honoured! As a wise woman within my house observed, "They are certainly cute now but that may not be so when we have a grown family of five doing what they do in our small backyard.

Spring is here and life is emerging. Our neatly pruned apple trees are burgeoning with small apples (at least on the right side of the tree!) Also prominent among the tiny apples are worm sacs of the pesky creatures that have sampled some of the new leaves before enclosing themselves in a silky web to wait and grow to even larger proportions. Each sac has been gingerly clipped and emersed in a large tub of water to eradicate their destructive habits.

The point is that spring and life emerges, but we are quickly reminded that it is not always on our terms. Life and death frame our world and our tiny lives in our contained neighbourhood with the challenge that God gave to Adam and Eve to "keep and to till". I have only to watch the growth and development of the young family high in the tall tree adorning our backyard. There are measures that I can make to limit the destructive forces of nature that feeds upon itself for survival.

Life is a balancing act, and we are called to live in harmony with God's creation rather than the role of Enforcer that we are often tempted to play. What life is emerging around you that you may not have noticed? Following each day of creation, God said, "It is good." How might we pause more in the coming days to bless the miracle of creation around us? Pastor Mitch

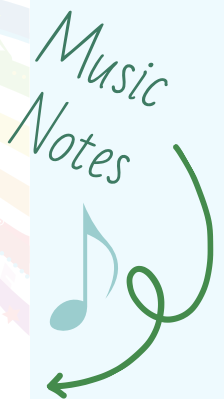


Music for Sunday, June 26th

; The prelude and postlude this week are by Francois Couperin(1668-173) a French organist and composer. He wrote 2 organ masses. The music for today is from his Mass for the Convent or Abbey church. Chromhorne is a reed stop on the organ and the melody is in the left hand. The postlude title "Plein Jeu" refers to the full organ without reeds. The Fugue will use the trumpet stop.

The choir will be on holiday for July and August. Thank you for all your wonderful singing and we look forward to September.

-Christine



Summer's almost here, the tents are going up, Grant's plant nursery is growing, the roses will soon bloom.

Drop in to the laneway, Thursday afternoons, between 2&4 pm for iced tea and conversation starting June 23

Please join us! All are welcome!

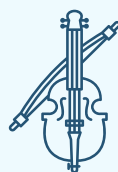
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National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21, 2022. This year is the 26th anniversary of Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to celebrate and recognize the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Learn more [here](#)



*Jesus calls us o'er
the tumult
of our life's wild,
restless sea;
day by day his voice
invites me,
saying "Christian,
follow me!"*



Mark your calendar for a concert of string quartets at St. Andrew's on July 3rd at 2:00 pm. Admission by donation.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

