

## **Jan's Journal**



Welcome to the seventh Sunday of Easter. This is Ascension Sunday. You will be enjoying singing your favourite hymns this Sunday! Thank you to Members of the Worship and Sacraments Committee---Carolyn Wilson and Reverend Harold Wells ---for their leadership in the service this week. Thank you to Sam and all members of the Choir for their leadership and musical gifts!

I hope that by the time you read this, we will have landed in Izmir, Turkey!

If all goes according to plan, we will fly from Toronto to Dublin on Friday evening, arriving in Dublin at 8 am on Saturday, Irish time. We have a six hour wait and then we fly on Air Lingus, the Irish national airline, to Izmir. Estimated arrival time 8:40 p.m. Turkish time. There is a seven hour time difference between Izmir and Burlington. Unfortunately, there are no direct flights available from Toronto to Izmir. There has to be a connection made somewhere in Britain or Europe. This makes the journey more challenging. By the time we land in Izmir, we will have been travelling (or sitting and waiting!) for 24 hours.

Andy and I are very much looking forward to visiting with our Turkish friends for a few days. Izmir was the ancient city of Smyrna. The early Christian church in Smyrna was dubbed the "persecuted church." (Revelation 2: 8-11) From our base in Izmir, we will visit Pergamum (Revelation 2: 12-17) and Ephesus. (Revelation 2: 1-7) while we are in that area we will also visit the Church of the Apostle John.

As always, I am interested in hearing your thoughts!

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Blessings,

Pastor Jan

