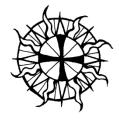
# ORDER FOR WORSHIP



14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

# **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME** 

**PRAYER** 

**PRELUDE** 

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. by Gail Smith

# **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

### **READING**

Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us



live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.  $^{14}$ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **FAITH STORIES**

Outdoor ministry and SLYC (Summer Lutheran Youth Camp)

### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

### **SERMON**

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Children of the Light"

Chorus:

We are children, children of the Light We are shining in the darkness of the night



Hope for this world, joy throughout the land. Touch the hearts of everyone, take everybody's hand.

Come and gather round the flame, share the light in his name We the children of the light As the wind blows where it will, spread the news to everyone

There's still plenty of time, for we have just begun.

Join the song of all the earth, we've a dream a dream to share And a promise of re-birth Let the earth feel the warmth of his love here in our hearts We've still many a dream and promises to keep

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# **THANKSGIVING**

In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** 

LORD'S PRAYER

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING** 

**DISMISSAL** 

**POSTLUDE** 

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. by Jay Rouse



# St. Philip's Lutheran Church

# **SERVING TODAY**

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director
Dave Pascoe Videographer

Jerry Hogeveen Reader Aart Van Ewyk Reader

House Band Hymn of the Day
Emily Walker Prayers of the People

The Binhammers The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Bonnie Schelter-Brown Faith Stories

#### **In our Prayers**

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Neighbourhood Table @ Home is happening on Thursdays from 5 7 pm starting September 17<sup>th</sup>. Drivers needed!

### **Pass the Offering Plate Please**

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

### **Outdoor Worship Service, September 13**

Registration is required. Please call the church office to register for the worship service outdoors on Sunday, September 13 or use Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-philips-outdoor-service-tickets-117877309205?aff=ebdssbeac">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-philips-outdoor-service-tickets-117877309205?aff=ebdssbeac</a>.