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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.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us



live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, 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:] ¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For 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 17th. 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: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-philips-outdoor-service-tickets-117877309205?aff=ebdssbeac>.