

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and through this we have a "common union" at the Lord's table: Communion.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God of hope,

A: we come into your presence this morning with confidence that you will meet us here.

P: Where there is sadness, bring joy;

A: Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.

P: Let this place be a sanctuary,

A: a safe haven for us, a home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to you. Amen

GATHERING SONG

"Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us"

ACS 1099

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you bring us together in this place.

We come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.

God, you challenge us in this place.

We embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

God, you are revealed in this place — sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.

God as we worship in this place, refresh, renew and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness.

We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. **Amen**.

CHILDREN'S STORY

"The Welcome Table"

WORD

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

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 10: 14-22

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. Speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19: 7 - 14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and \mid my redeemer. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Mark 14: 22 – 26

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest be the Tie That Bonds"

ELW 656

CREED

P: Let us affirm our faith.

C: We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Day by Day"

ELW 790

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: You are a blessed people.

A: We will go to be a blessing in the world.

P: You are the face of Jesus.

A: We will go to be love and compassion to all.

P: You are the family of God.

A: We will go to serve all our sisters and brothers wherever we may find them.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Go my Children With my Blessing" Verses 1 and 3

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Meranda Phannenhour Children's Story

Marcia Powers-Dunlop Reader

Pat Lovell Prayers

Arlene Somerville, Doris Pascoe Cantors

Karen Adolph Livestream Usher

Dave Pascoe Audio Visual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, Elga Smidt, Juliet and Paul.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Our ministries need your support. Place your offering on the plate when you enter or leave today. Or find details for other options at steph:lipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

COMMUNION

Keep 6 feet apart with your mask on. Receive the bread and then help yourself to an individual cup of wine. Remove your mask and have the wine and bread. Put the empty cup in the containers provided. Replace your mask.

ZUMBA AND YOGA

Julia Gall leads a Zumba class outside Monday @1 pm (weather permitting). A Yoga class with Tania will be held on Wednesday @ 11 am on the lawn, weather permitting.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR

Can you help prepare the altar for Thanksgiving? Please bring any fall flowers, pumpkins, gourds, leaves, or other appropriate fall decorations to decorate for the Thanksgiving service next Sunday. Drop off at the church by Saturday afternoon. Set-up will be Saturday afternoon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday Zumba Gold @ 1:00 pm

Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm

Wednesday Yoga @ 11 am, if weather

permits

Saturday In the afternoon, decorate for

Thanksgiving



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

OUR VISION

Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour and self.

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

VALUES SUPPORTING THE VISION:

Our Lutheran heritage of grace.

Our call to pray, worship and learn as we grow in our Christian faith.

Our need to gather and belong in Christian community.

The call to love our neighbours as Christ loves us.

The acceptance of all people as children of God.

The opportunities to meet God everywhere.

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