ORDER FOR WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Worship June 26, 2022

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

GATHERING

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

(Please refer to insert for all of the hymns.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW 858

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: We gather with gratitude for the land, the air we breathe, and the water that sustains all life; We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as community in our place of worship where we remember who we are:

C: You led your people through the sea and called them to live in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. May this be a symbol of your ever-presence with us.

C: Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;

P: Widen our imagination with your large vision. Equip us to courageously participate in your very present help, to be a refuge and strength in our hurting world.

C: Strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE



WORD

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

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2: 1 - 2, 6 - 14

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 77: 1 - 2, 11 - 20

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

Luke 9: 51 - 62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As A Fire Is Meant for Burning"

VU 578

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within me. I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant life. I believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling me to faith, giving me gifts, and empowering me for service. I believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God's Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment including Lake Ontario, the Humber River and Mimico Creek. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts. Guide the work of our Good Food Market and the St. James Food Basket. Lead us into advocacy that will provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We give thanks for this congregation. For the generations who have gathered for worship. For the many who have been baptized in this very space. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

SHARING OF PEACE

SENDING

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

SENDING HYMN

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ELW 575

SENDING

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Let us Go Forth in the name of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

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SERVING TODAY

Dave Pascoe Lay Leader

Sarah McCutcheon, Sarah Pascoe, Musicians

Lauren Voorpostel

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday 1:00 pm Zumba

Tuesday

Wednesday 10:00 am Cover Girls

Thursday 4:00 pm Good Food Market: 609 The East Mall

Friday Canada Day – Church closed

St. Philip's Lutheran Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Anna Feller, Luke Fergin, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Polly Seefeldt, Emeris, George, Helen, and Lynette.

OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate provided. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

GOOD FOOD MARKET

The market has returned for its 8^{th} season at a new location - 609 The East Mall. Volunteers are needed for a 2-hour shift 3:30-5:30 OR 5:30-7:30 any Thursday. You can sign up by calling our Community Outreach Co-Ordinator, Shianne, @ 647.975.2017, the church office, or using the google doc: <u>Good Food Market Volunteer</u>. Or use sign-up sheet in the narthex.

HOLIDAYS

Pastor Tuula will be away from June 6 - 29 inclusive. Please contact Rev. Nadine Nicholds for pastoral care at 647.403.5545.

OUR VISION

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

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