

September 12, 2021

Season of Creation

9:15 am



THIS SUNDAY'S THEME:



## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK**

**We are so glad to have you worship with us!**

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.  
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

## **Prelude**

## **Land Acknowledgement**

## **The Welcome**

## **Opening Song**

This Is Amazing Grace

*Wickham*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace,  
This is unfailing love,  
That you would take my place,  
That you would bear my cross.  
You laid down your life  
That I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that you've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

## Opening Prayer

Officiant: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.  
We face East: To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, We pray:

**All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

Officiant: We turn to face South: To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, We pray:

**All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

Officiant: We turn to face West: To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure, We pray:

**All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

Officiant: We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humour; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, We pray:

**All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

Officiant: We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

**All: Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

## Reading

**Reader** Our first reading is from *Embers*, written by Richard Wagamese, a Canadian author of the Wabaseemoong Independent Nations, Northwest Ontario.

On a windy day in summer many summers ago, a hawk hurtled straight down at me. Ten feet above my head, she spread her wings and stopped in mid dive. I heard the whoosh of her wings against the sound of the wind and the exhalation of my own breath. Three things collided in an instant: wind, hawk, breath. There was no separation. We were connected. Joined by air. In the flash of that sacred moment, I understood what it is to be alive: to be connected, to be aware of that connection, to be grateful for it. To breathe is to take in the wind of all breath. To exhale slowly is to open myself and glide over everything I feel.

## Psalm 19:1-6

*Refrain:* Heaven and earth tell your glory, almighty God.

The heavens proclaim your glory, O God,  
And the firmament shows forth the work of your hands.  
Day unto day takes up the story  
And night unto night makes known the message.  
No speech, no word, no voice is heard,  
Yet their span extends through all the earth,  
Their words to the utmost bounds of the world. *Refrain.*

There you have placed a tent for the sun;  
It comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,  
Rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;  
To the furthest end of the sky is its course.  
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat. *Refrain.*

## The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the

body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. *Luke 12:22-31*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Message**

**Motet** Sicut Cervus

*Palestrina*

*As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. (Psalm 42:1)*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for the needs of our world, the Church, and ourselves.*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.**

## Sharing What We Have

*We rejoice that God has blessed our community and we have the opportunity to give back to God and serve others in the name of Christ. Your generous support helps anchor our mission and ministry as together we navigate these turbulent times. Many of us give with weekly donation or by pre-authorized giving. And there is a place on our website to make a donation. We are grateful for all gifts however if this is your first time here today please know that you are very welcome, we are glad you are here, and there is no obligation to contribute financially.*

## Song of Thanksgiving

Blessed Be Your Name

*Redman*

Blessed be your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow.  
Blessed be your name.

And blessed be your name,  
When I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be your name.  
Every blessing you pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name.

And blessed be your name  
When the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be your name.

And blessed be your name  
On the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be your name.

## Blessing of Backpacks

### Announcements

### Dismissal

Officiant: Tend to the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and service the Creator.

**All: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Officiant:  
The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:  
Ali McIntosh

Reader:  
Annie Lawton

Intercessors:  
Youth of the Parish

Director of Music:  
Christina Labriola

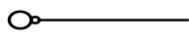
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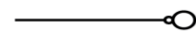
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Jorge Vargas

### **Coffee Hour on-the Run**

As you leave the service today, please pick up your "Coffee Hour on the Run" bag.  
You will find a luggage tag which we hope you will put on your packback.



# Announcements



The **September issue** of *Spiritus* is now available. Please enjoy our newsletter [online](#) or if you are attending the service in person, please pick up a copy when you leave.



Join us for our first educational activity this fall: a virtual Kairos Blanket Exercise. This online, interactive workshop is a way for us to experience the history of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. The Blanket Exercise is a widely used tool and many churches and other community groups have used it to deepen their understanding of colonization and its impacts. CCDP now has the opportunity to participate in an online version, which you can attend from your own home! The event is taking place **Saturday September 18th from 2-5 pm** and anyone who has a computer and access to Zoom can join (other devices are not recommended for

the best experience). This is a one-time opportunity being funded by Christ Church Deer Park so there is no cost to participants. Please sign up by contacting Cathy at [adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org) and plan to be there. To learn more about the Blanket Exercise, please visit this website: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>



We are excited to open our doors again to our community. You are most welcome to stop by on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30-1:30 to pray, reflect, or be silent.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

## ! VISITOR INFORMATION



**Hearing Assistance Devices** are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

**Large Print** Orders of Service are available.

## Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

### Tuesday, September 14

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

### Wednesday, September 15

7:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

### Thursday, September 16

11:30 am Church open for Prayer

### Saturday, September 18

8:00 am Community Breakfast

2:00 pm Kairos Blanket Exercise-Zoom

### Sunday, September 19 – Season of Creation

9:15 am Holy Eucharist – In Person & Live Stream



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