

# Christ Church Deer Park

September 10, 2023  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



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**WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK**

**We are 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.



**Hello!** Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

**So, what is our community like?** Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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*People's Warden* – Su Laine Varkey

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*Small Groups* – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

*9:15am Coffee Hour* – Zara Arvini, Coordinator

*10:30 Coffee Hour* – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

*Choir* – Patrick Dewell, Director

*Chancel Guild* – Anne Larkin, Lead

*Flower Guild* – Pat Butler, Coordinator

*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

*Welcome Team* – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

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*Truth and Reconciliation* – Melissa Walter, Lead

*Climate Action Group* – Phyllis Creighton, Lead

*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

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*Holy + Holly (Christmas Festival)* – Barbara Johnston, Lead

## Prelude

## Welcome & Gathering

### Opening Hymn #377 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

*(please stand as you are able)*

To the Name of Our Salvation

*Oriel*

To the Name of our salvation,  
laud and honour let us pay,  
which for many a generation  
hid in God's foreknowledge lay;  
but with holy exultation  
we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure,  
name beyond what words can tell;  
name of gladness, name of pleasure,  
ear and heart delighting well;  
name of sweetness passing measure,  
saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the name that whoso preaches  
speaks like music to the ear;  
who in prayer this name beseeches  
finds its comfort ever near;  
who its perfect wisdom reaches,  
heavenly joy possesses here.

Therefore we in love adoring,  
this most blessed name revere,  
holy Jesus, thee imploring  
so to write it in us here  
that, hereafter heavenward soaring,  
we may sing with angels there.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Glory to God on high,  
and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord,  
you only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
with Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.

**The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Let us pray.  
Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

## Listening to God

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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 neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Romans 13:8-14*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Psalm #149**

*Plainsong*

Cantor: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Choir: sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**Choir: Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

Cantor: Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**Choir: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.**

Cantor: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

**Choir: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

Cantor: To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

**Choir: To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;**

Cantor: To inflict on them the judgement decreed;

**Choir: this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!**

*(please remain standing)*

**Gospel Acclamation #711**

*Murray, Black*

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **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 Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "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. 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. 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. 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. 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Matthew 18:15-20*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Homily**

*(please be seated)*

### **Musical Interlude**

## The Apostles' Creed

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

## Confession and Absolution

*(please continue to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Presider: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### The Peace

(please stand)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

### Sharing What We Have

Presider: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.  
In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but by what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously, in this offering,  
to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

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## Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us  
and because God has designed us to be givers.

### Ways to Give Financially

- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)
- Through automatic monthly PAR or credit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn

King of the Ages

*Getty, Townend*

### *Chorus*

King of the ages  
Almighty God  
Perfect love  
Ever just and true  
Who will not fear you  
And bring you praise  
All the nations  
Will come to you

Your ways of love  
Have won my heart  
And brought me joy unending  
Your saving pow'r at work in me  
Bringing peace and the hope of glory

### *Chorus*

Your arms of love  
Are reaching out  
To every soul that seeks you  
Your light will shine in all the earth  
Bringing grace and a great salvation

### *Chorus*

The day will come  
When you appear  
And every eye shall see you  
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze  
With a song we will sing forever

### *Chorus*

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Celebrating the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus #722

*Picardy, arr. Wedd*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

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## All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
  - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
  - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
  - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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### Communion Hymn #487

*(please be seated)*

Where Charity and Love Prevail

*Primrose*

Where charity and love prevail,  
 there God is ever found;  
 brought here together by Christ's love,  
 by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
 his charity we learn;  
 let us with heart and mind and strength  
 now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
 as we our faults confess;  
 and let us love each other well  
 in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
 let all contention cease;  
 be his the glory that we seek,  
 be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of his body joined,  
we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our family embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

### **Communion Motet**

Be Thou My Vision

*Chilcott*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;  
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Creator God, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Presider: And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

All: Amen.

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

*Thaxted*

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour  
in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender  
to you the our God most high;  
but hidden from all nature  
the eternal seed is sown,  
though small in mortal stature,  
to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven,  
from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given  
the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
this song of praise we sing.  
May we, who know your favour,  
our humble service bring;

and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

### **Dismissal**

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Please join us for Coffee Hour upstairs in Elliott Hall.*

*Also, we are having our first 20s/30s discussion group this morning!  
Please join us in the Arthur Smith Room at noon.*

Presider:  
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Preacher:  
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Gospeller:  
The Reverend Cathy Gibbs

Reader:  
Elsa Jones

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## —○— **Announcements** —○—

**1. RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN SALE:** Come out on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm for some shopping that supports our church! We'll have treasures, linens, toys, books, CDs, housewares, sporting goods, a bake sale, and a BBQ! Please bring cash.

- a. Last Rummage Intake:** For the sale, our last Rummage Intake day will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Atrium entrance.
- b. Winter Coats Accepted:** We have decided to sell winter coats, hats, and gloves; so, we are now accepting these items for the sale.
- c. Volunteers Needed:** Please consider giving us an hour or two of your time on September 15<sup>th</sup> (day before the sale) or 16<sup>th</sup> (day of the sale); we are looking to fill morning or afternoon shifts. You are our church family and we cannot do this without you! Last year many newcomers came to buy for their new homes. Some students came looking for university stuff. But best was the number of families, or single people, who just wanted to hear the organ with the doors open – and no preachers. Some people had never been in a church. Our wonderful clergy, walking the crowd, were available for a few quiet words – no pressure – just breaking down barriers. Others hadn't worshipped since leaving their countries, fearful of praying. We take a lot for granted here. So, if you are interested and available, please contact Lucia ([lucia.nebesny@gmail.com](mailto:lucia.nebesny@gmail.com)) or Jayne (416-489-2400).



**d. Calling All Bakers!** We are having a youth-run bake sale at our Rummage Sale, and are in need of donated baked goods! All items must be packaged as they will be sold. Please drop off your items on the Thursday or Friday ahead of the sale between 9am and 7pm at the Atrium doors. Thank you!

**2. SEASON OF CREATION!** Please join us this year as we observe the Season of Creation with the following worship activities:

**a. Guest Preacher Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat** will join us on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the 9:15am and 10:30am services. Sylvia, a biblical scholar, farmer, and activist, will preach on voices of the land.

**b. Blessing of the Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi:** we will gather on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the west lawn to bless our pets and animals. All species are welcome, but please ensure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier (as we don't want any escapees!) This low-key service is a great one to invite friends and neighbours to.

**3. JAZZ VESPERS** returns on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

**4. MOSAIC MIDWEEK PRAYER:** Once a month let us pause midweek to come together and seek God. Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87540473407?pwd=NzFyMGIjLzZ5VXREK2NWczZOajlDZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4047 3407

Passcode: 033695

**5. CHURCH ON TAP:** Come to lament and come to rejoice – for God is with us. Service followed by beer and light refreshments. Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

**6. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Fall is right around the corner, and so we will be accepting items for our Thanksgiving food drive. Items of particular need are: cereals, rice, pasta, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fish, legumes, peanut butter, and baby food. From the Sundays of September 10 through October 8, items can be placed in the red wagon at the back of the sanctuary; after being blessed on Thanksgiving Sunday, the items will be donated to the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank.

**7. PONDERING THE PSALMS:** The Psalms are full of joy, gratitude, lament, and anger. Come and learn more about these poems that we hear each week in church. Cheryl, Ali, and Cathy will present insights and challenges for you to ponder. Where? On Zoom. When? Tuesdays of Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & Nov. 14 (no class on Halloween). Time? 7-8pm. To register email Rev. Cathy at [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**8. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** *Indspire* is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. It is the largest funder of Indigenous education outside the federal government. With the support of its funding partners, *Indspire* disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and provides resources to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, educators, communities and other stakeholders. Programs include *Rivers to Success*, *Teach for Tomorrow*, *National Gathering for Indigenous Education*, and *Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards*. In 2022-23, *Indspire* awarded over \$27.5 million through 7,522 bursaries and scholarships to Indigenous students. *Indspire* also hosts the *National Gathering for Indigenous Education* which this year will be held in Montreal in November. The *Gathering* will provide opportunities to learn strategies to engage students, to share best practices in the classroom, and to examine emerging trends affecting Indigenous students. Education disparities remain a serious issue in Canada: according to recent statistics, only 63% of all First Nations youth had completed high school, compared with 91% of the non-Indigenous population. Further information about *Indspire* is available at <https://Indspire.ca>.

**9. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres asserts "The era of global warming has ended and the era of global boiling has arrived." July was the hottest month ever, "Humanity is in the hot seat. For vast parts of North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe, it is a cruel summer. For the entire planet, it is a disaster. And for the scientists, it is unequivocal -- humans are to blame." "We can still stop the worst. But to do so we must turn a year of burning heat into a year of burning ambition." [Brett Wilkins. *Common Dreams*, Transcend media, 31 July 2023]

**10. COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are looking for some more volunteer support for our Community Breakfast program, which runs three out of the four Saturdays a month from 7am-10am. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact Anne at [outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**11. SUPPORT FOR FLEMINGDON PARK MINISTRY'S URBAN FARM:** Since 2018, the Common Table farm and market project of Flemingdon Park Ministry has provided fresh produce to people in the Flemingdon Park community, many of whom are newcomers to Canada. As its seed funding comes to an end, Common Table is looking for funding for 2024 and beyond. On Sept. 23 from 2-5 p.m., the farm will host a Harvest Fundraiser with farm tours, tasty treats, music and a silent auction. Admission is free – sign up online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-fundraiser-for-the-common-table-farm-tickets-704728119777>. Also, during September, all donations up to \$75,000 will be matched by local corporate donor Lucullus Bakery.

**12. REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:** Christ Church has partnered with a private sponsor group to help bring Farima and her children to Canada. Farima is an Afghan single mother whose husband was killed by the Taliban in 2021. She has two young children, a boy age 5 and a girl age 1. They are ethnic Hazara, a minority in Afghanistan which is persecuted by the Taliban and ISIS. Their application is pending, and while we don't have an exact arrival date, it appears likely to be within a few months. The family are currently in hiding in Pakistan. The sponsor group is looking for volunteers who would like to be part of the support group for the family. The kinds of activities we will do include finding household goods and clothing, assisting in opening bank accounts, applying for OHIP and other government benefits, accompanying the family to doctor and dentist appointments, setting up school for Farima's son and English language classes for her. Social activities will also be important, including going on outings in Toronto so they can learn how to get around the city and shop and budget appropriately. Many of the activities will happen close to arrival. There is no fixed time commitment and we hope to have enough volunteers so that no one is asked to do too much. Anyone interested in joining the group should please contact Linda Hall at 416-844-5259 by phone or text, or by email at [lindahall.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:lindahall.toronto@gmail.com). If you don't have time to help in person and would like to assist with a financial donation, that is also an option as they are still raising money to meet the goal for sponsorship. Linda, contact details above, can provide details of how to do that.

## 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

### Wednesday, September 13

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person, followed by lunch*

### Saturday, September 16

8-9am Community Breakfast

10am-2pm Rummage Lawn Sale

### Sunday, September 17

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

9:15am Holy Eucharist  
& Sunday School  
*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist  
*In person & Livestreamed*

4:30pm Jazz Vespers  
*In person*



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