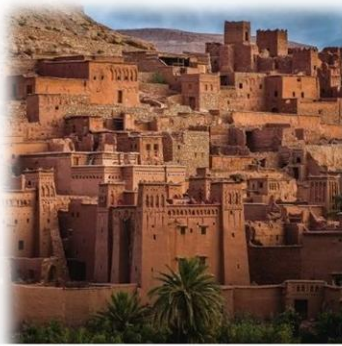


Christ Church Deer Park

September 15, 2024
Welcome Home Month
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'



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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September is "Welcome Home Month" at CCDP. So, in an effort to reacquaint ourselves with one another after the summer, and to get to know one another better, we have nametags at both entrances. Please consider wearing one during the service and at coffee hour!

Prelude Méditation, Op. posth.

M. Duruflé

Welcome & Gathering *(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)*

Opening Hymn #606

(please stand as you are able)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GOTT WILL'S MACHEN

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Text: Frederick Faber
Music: Johann Steiner

Welcome Liturgy

Bianca Mathews is a member of Christ Church Deer Park and also a Trinity College Seminary student. We are delighted that she has agreed to be our student for the fall term. Bianca has opted for the 10-hour-a-week placement option. So along with her academic studies she is also taking on a placement. 10 hours a week can be used up very quickly but you can expect to see her at many of our worship services and parish events, either as student or simply as parishioner. Bianca has identified her learning goals, chief of which are liturgy, preaching, and faith formation.

Priest: We welcome Bianca Mathews as our Trinity College Student.
Bianca, will you strive to love and serve God and these people through your learning goals?

Student: I will, God being my helper.

Priest: Congregation, will you pray for, support, and encourage Bianca as she seeks to learn at Christ Church Deer Park?

All: We will.

Priest: In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we welcome you, Bianca as our Trinity College Seminary student.

All: Amen.

Gathering

(please remain standing)

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.

Gloria

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

All

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord, God, Heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther.
 Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 – First Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. *Joshua 5:9-12*

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

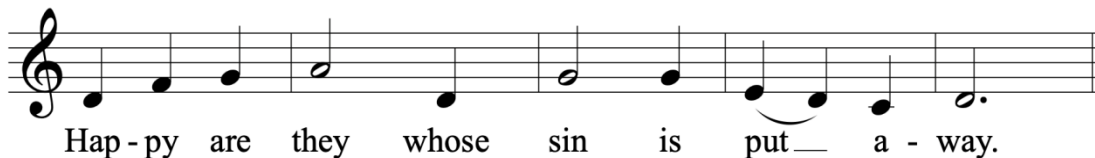
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

G. Black

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.

All:



Choir: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. *Refrain*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. *Refrain*

You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." *Refrain*

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #714

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia

Taizé

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.

Refrain:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Cantor: I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him:
Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.

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.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily "Kicking Yourself Out Of The Kingdom" – Rev. Stephen *(please be seated)*

Music for Reflection

Affirmation of Faith *(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. **Amen.**

The Peace

(please remain standing)

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

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

Priest: Friends, 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.

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

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations
please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)



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

Offertory Hymn #609

Far, Far Away from My Loving Father

RESTORATION

Far, far away from my loving father,
I had been wand'ring, wayward, wild,
fearing only lest his anger
overtake his sinful child.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour,
oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Fain had I fed on the husks around me,
till to myself I came, and said,
"Plenty have my father's servants;
perish I for want of bread.

I will arise, though faint and weary,
home to my father I will go.
Woe to me that e'er I wandered,
ah, that I such need should know."

"Father," I'll say, "I have sinned before thee,
no more may I be called thy son.
Make me only as thy servant;
pity me, a wretch undone!"

Then I arose and came to my father.
Mercy amazing! Love unknown!
He beheld me, ran, embraced me,
pardoned, welcomed, called me "son"!

Prayer over the Gifts

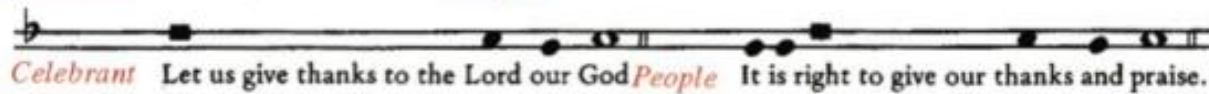
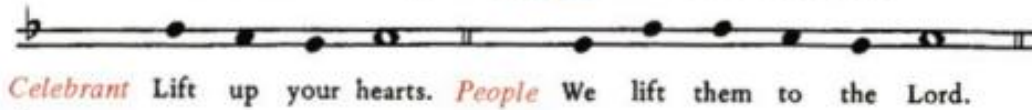
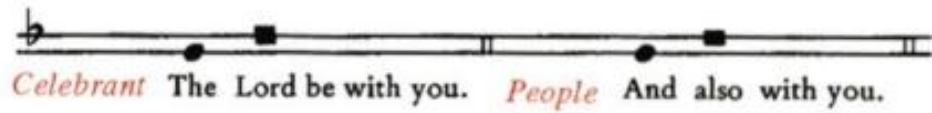
Presider: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving



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 Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na -
in the high - est Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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: 
Bles-sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power be yours for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

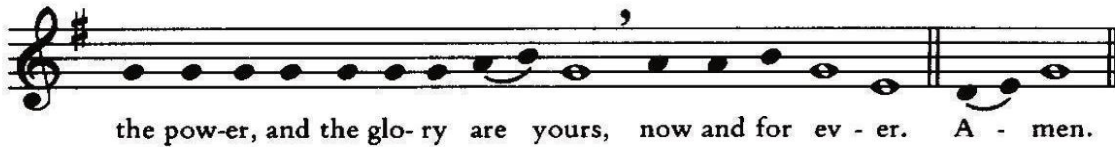
Presider: 
Celebrant As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray,

All: 
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,


your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,


For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.


Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,



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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: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Agnus Dei Canterbury Mass

(please be seated)

A. Piccolo

Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Motet

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes and I shall see,
incline my heart and I shall desire,
order my steps and I shall walk
in the way of your commandments.

O God, be my only Lord,
and beside you let there be none else,
no other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you,
and serve you in all my undertakings
with truth of spirit, with honour of body,
with blessing of mouth,
both in public and private.

Text: Lancelot Andrewes
Music: K. Lee Scott

Communion Hymn

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON

Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for me;
Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for you and for me?
O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for you and for me!

see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Come home, come home; ye who are wea - ry come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Text and Music: Will L. Thompson

Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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: Eternal God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, and words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; and may God our Creator bless you and keep you all of your days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #352

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton

Music: Melody from *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Fantaisie from Hommage à Frescobaldi*

J. Langlais

*Please join Rev. Cathy after the service in Elliott Hall
for breakfast and a Welcome Back Workshop!*

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Paul Kavanagh, by Marcia Kavanagh.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher:
Stephen Drakeford

Music Director & Organist:
Stefani Bedin

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Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

Reader:
Pauline Thompson

Prayers:
Bianca Mathews

Warden on Duty:
George Lewis

Sidesperson:
Anne Welch

Flower Arrangement:
Nina Overbury

Livestream Technician:
Liam McIvor

Vergers:
Rikk Scapillato

-----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

- 1. THANK YOU** to all our Rummage Sale volunteers who put on another great sale yesterday! Thank you for your hard work and dedication.
- 2. THE DAILY OFFICE AND PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH:** On Thursday mornings at 10am in the chapel, we will offer a simple 30-minute service of scripture and prayer focusing on praying for our parish, the selection committee, and parishioners who have requested prayers.
- 3. TRINITY COLLEGE STUDENT:** We welcome Bianca Mathews as our Trinity College Student for the next few months. She is doing her first placement here and we are delighted!
- 4. JAZZ VESPERS** has some exciting news to share: this year we will be going back to having *two* Jazz Vespers per month. Our next service this month is Sunday, September 22nd. This service includes a reading, prayers, a short reflection, and of course lots of jazz music! It starts at 4:30pm and runs for about 1.5 hours. All are welcome! For more information about musicians, and for all the dates for the coming year, please see our website.
- 5. CHURCH ON TAP** returns on Friday, September 27th at 7pm. This inclusive, creative Eucharist service has been a part of our community for 10 years! Please join us for worship and stick around after for fellowship and beer.
- 6. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Jesus said, 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.' (Matt. 25:35) Taking this to heart, CCDP has for years supported and sponsored the Churches-on-the-Hill FoodBank. This year is no different! We are collecting food items for our neighbours who are facing food insecurity. Please place your donations in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary – donations will be accepted through Thanksgiving Sunday (Oct. 13). Items most needed are peanut butter, pasta, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, oatmeal, canned stews/chilis, beans, pasta sauce, canned fish, 100% fruit juices, canned vegetables, baby food, and baby formula.
- 7. CARE OF CREATION:** October has been designated as the month we explore our role in caring for God's gift of the Earth to us. As part of this, we are conducting a course based on Katharine Hayhoe's book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 7:15-8:30pm Place: on ZOOM (a link will be sent closer to the date). To sign up, email Rev. Cathy at cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org Hope to see you there! (P.S. If you have purchased one of Katharine Hayhoe's books for the Creation Care course but have not registered with your email address, please email Rev. Cathy so she can send you a link for the course.)

- 8. BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** It's that time of year to celebrate and give thanks for all creatures great and small. Please join us on the west lawn on Saturday, October 5 at 5pm for a joyful service in which we will bless our animal companions. Dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, lizards ... all are welcome! (Please ensure your pets are either in a carrier or on a lead; and, if your pet doesn't travel well, you are welcome to bring a picture of them to be blessed.) Invite your friends and neighbours!
- 9. CONGREGATIONAL CARE DRIVERS NEEDED:** We are very much in need of more drivers we can add to our list, who upon occasion, can assist with providing a ride to church for fellow parishioners. This does not have to be an every week commitment; any commitment would be very helpful! Please contact Ann Atkins at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 10. AUDIO VISUAL ASSISTANTS:** We are looking for people with some technical ability to help us on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 service with the microphones and livestreaming. This could be an excellent opportunity for high school students looking to complete their community service hours. Please email Amanda at ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org with your interest.
- 11. NOTE ABOUT SPAM EMAILS:** Some of you may have received emails from the clergy or staff at CCDP that felt a little fishy. Spam emails are something we all deal with in this digital age, so please be sure to check that the sender's email address is indeed correct, to help verify if the email is real or is spam. The official email addresses for staff are listed on the inside cover of this bulletin or can be found on our website.
- 12. CHURCH SIGN:** Thank you to everyone who so generously donated towards our new church sign! As you may have seen, it is newly installed! We are still working on getting training on the software side of things so the images and text can be easily changed and updated, but that will happen soon. It is wonderful to have one dynamic way of communicating with our neighbours about all the wonderful things happening at CCDP, so thank you again for your donations!
- 13. SHARE WARMTH THIS FALL:** Our Community Breakfast program doesn't just feed people: we pass out seasonal essentials such as clothing and boots. This fall, we are in need of the following: new winter socks; gently used men's and women's sweaters, hoodies, winter coats, shoes, boots, slippers, gloves, hats, and scarves. Please bring your donations on a Sunday or throughout the week and drop them off in the bin in the Atrium. Our guests are very appreciative - thank you!
- 14. PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org.

- 15. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** This summer, the first residents moved into Caldwell First Nation reserve near Leamington, over 230 years after the Nation lost their traditional land. The Caldwell First Nation was originally based around Point Pelee, an area that in 1790 was subject to a treaty between Indigenous groups and the Crown – a treaty that did not include the members of Caldwell First Nation. Settlers gradually took over the land, and the remaining members of Caldwell First Nation were forced out in the 1920s. In 2010, their land claim was finally settled and the Nation was able to begin the process of buying land and establishing their reserve. Caldwell First Nation is also working with Parks Canada on establishing an urban national park in the Windsor area.
- 16. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Bill 198, Ontario Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Act, 2024, recently had its first reading. Bill 198 seeks to address some of the worst impacts of extreme heat, in particular for low-income tenants with rental units that are much too hot to be safe and outdoor workers. This includes having protective measures in place such as maximum temperature bylaws at the municipal level that ensure that indoor environments remain safe and comfortable, regardless of external weather conditions.
- 17. MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church's services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at pat.butler@bell.net or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.

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 18

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Thursday, September 19

10:00am Daily Office

In person

Saturday, September 21

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship

In person

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers

In person



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