

# Christ Church Deer Park

October 13, 2024  
Harvest Thanksgiving  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



**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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**Prelude** Voluntary on the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm

H. Purcell

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

**Opening Hymn #262**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
to thy final harvest-home!  
Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Text: Henry Alford  
Music: George Elvey

## 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:** Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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 – Lesson Reading

*(please be seated)*

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you


power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. *Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 65

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

All:   
Be joy - ful in God, all the earth.

Cantor: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.  
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;  
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.  
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple. *Refrain*

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.  
In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.  
You still the raging of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.  
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. *Refrain*

You visit the earth and water it;  
you make it very plenteous.  
The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth.  
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. *Refrain*

You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.  
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness  
and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. *Refrain*

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## Gospel Acclamation

*(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia

M. Haugen

*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.

Cantor: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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## 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.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

*Luke 17:11-19*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** "Returning to Say Thanks"

*(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.

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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

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
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- 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.

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## Offertory Hymn #403

Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us onto the end of our days.  
Love's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

God's law still enforces: the stars in their courses,  
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean in praises combine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Text: Katherine K. Davis  
Music: Welsh traditional

*This week our offering to God includes not only our monetary gifts, but also the food we have collected for the Churches-on-the-Hill Foodbank this Thanksgiving season.*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Celebrating the Eucharist**

*(please remain standing)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. 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.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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.

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Music: © 1995, David Thorne

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All:** Musical notation for the word 'Amen'. It consists of three measures in 4/4 time, each starting with a quarter rest followed by a half note 'A', a quarter note 'men!', and a quarter rest. The melody is simple and repetitive.

### The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

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

**All:** Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of five staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a comma above each staff indicating a breath or phrase boundary. The lyrics are: '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-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

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## Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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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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**Agnus Dei** *Missa Secunda*

*(please be seated)*  
Hans Leo Hassler

Choir: *Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis.*  
*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis.*  
*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.*

Translation:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

## Communion Motet

Thou Visitest the Earth

Maurice Greene

Thou visitest the Earth, and blessest it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness. - Psalm 65

## Communion Hymn #259

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.

For gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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Music: Welsh traditional

## Closing Prayer

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: May God the Mother, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness. **Amen.**

May God the Child, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed us with his life and transform us in his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form us in the lines of Christ and renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Mother, Child, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn #399**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart, tr. Catherine Winkworth  
Music: Johann Crüger

**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** Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

S. Karg-Elert

*Please join us after the service for coffee hour in Elliott Hall.*

***Memorial Flowers***

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God by Margaret Ruse and in loving memory of her husband, The Reverend Christopher Caton, and her parents, Mr. Edward and Mrs. Marion Ruse.



## ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider:  
Cathy Gibbs

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Elsa Jones

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Elsa Jones

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Pat Butler

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Nina Overbury

Livestream Technician:  
Liam McIvor

Verger:  
Rikk Scapillato

## ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- 1. COFFEE HOUR:** Welcome back to a new season of 10:30 coffee hour at CCDP! Let's keep September's theme of welcoming thriving at coffee hour. Join us for coffee in Elliott Hall after the service and while you are there, take a moment to sign up to host one Sunday. No previous experience required. If you have any questions, chat with me after the service or email me at [s.geddes@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.geddes@sympatico.ca). ~Sandra
- 2. NOTE FROM CLERGY:** One of the things that has come to the attention of the clergy on Sunday mornings is the tight turnaround between services leaving little time for us to mingle over coffee and speak with each other. We have decided to do this: at any given coffee hour one of the clergy will remain to meet and greet while the other begins the next service. The cleric who has remained at coffee hour will join the next service when they have finished their coffee conversation (they're not late! Just doing pastoral work.)
- 3. REV. STEPHEN'S OFFICE HOURS** are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-2pm. Please feel free to stop by or make an appointment with him.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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. To sign up, email Rev. Cathy at [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org) Hope to see you there!
- 6. 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!
- 7. JAZZ VESPERS:** Our October services are October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Please join us for an informal service of prayers, a short reflection, and lots of jazz! For information on which musicians are playing on a particular week, please visit our website.
- 8. FUNERAL FOR GLORIA BOYD:** With sadness we share the news of Gloria's passing on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be held at Christ Church on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**9. CHURCH ON TAP + DINNER CHURCH:** We're combining two of our favourite things! On Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, we will gather in Elliott Hall for a service with all your favourite Church on Tap elements (creative liturgy, Eucharist, soulful music, relaxed setting, beer), but this time we'll worship while having dinner together. This is a wonderful, informal service to invite friends and family to. We will provide the food but we are looking for volunteers to help with set up, tear down, and participating in the service – if you are interested, please email Rev. Stephen at [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org) A free will offering will be taken at the service to help offset the costs of dinner.

**10.A SPIRITUAL PATH: WORSHIP AMONG THE FALL**

**COLOURS:** Mount Pleasant Cemetery is not only known as the final resting place for many prominent Canadians. It is also one of the most beautiful places to see fall foliage. Come join the Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford, our interim priest-in-charge, as he and Brad Lennon lead a walk on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m. from the CCDP steps into and through the cemetery. The



landscaping of Mount Pleasant was developed in the late nineteenth century to provide an arboretum for public enjoyment. Thus, hundreds of varieties of trees grow there, ranging from rare, introduced trees to oaks that were mature when Mount Pleasant Cemetery was founded. Practically every tree that will grow in this climate is found there. The trees should be spectacular at the time of our walk. At the other end of the cemetery, our hike will continue into Crowther's Woods, a mature maple, beech, and oak Carolinian woodland where many of the trees are over a century old. Our hike will cover 9 km of trail and last about four hours, ending at the Brickworks. A free shuttle bus runs from there to Broadview Station, or we can take the #28 TTC bus back to Davisville Station. To register for this hike or to ask questions, contact Brad at [blennon@sympatico.ca](mailto:blennon@sympatico.ca) or speak to him after the Sunday 10:30 AM worship service.

**11.9:15AM RETREAT @ CCDP:** Calling everyone who attends or is interested in the 9:15am service! After the 9:15am service on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will gather in Community Hall downstairs to have brunch together, pray, and reflect on where the 9:15am service goes from here. Please join us for this intentional time together as a worshipping community. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the costs of the brunch.

**12.BRIDGE GROUP:** Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the Arthur Smith Room. All are welcome to join us for a game of bridge!

**13.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](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).

**14.TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian Medical Association officially apologized for its role in the harms caused by the medical system to Indigenous people. These harms range from forced sterilization of Indigenous women, to medical experimentation on children in residential schools, to the forced removal of Inuit to tuberculosis sanatoriums far from their home communities. It was a doctor, chief medical officer of the Department of Indian Affairs Peter Bryce, who first reported on horrifying health conditions in residential schools in 1922; nonetheless, health organizations such as the CMA failed to take action to improve these conditions. Indigenous people in Canada still experience significant disparities in health: for instance, life expectancy ranges from 7-12 years shorter than the Canadian average in areas with predominantly Métis, First Nations, or Inuit populations.

**15.CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Two-thirds of North American birds are at increasing risk of extinction from global temperature rise. As the climate changes, so will the places birds need. Audubon scientists took advantage of 140 million observations, recorded by birders and scientists, to describe where 604 North American bird species live today—an area known as their “range.” They then used the latest climate models to project how each species’s range will shift as climate change and other human impacts advance across the continent. The results are clear: Birds will be forced to relocate to find favorable homes. And they may not survive. *Survival by Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink*  
<https://www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees>

**16.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](mailto: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

**Tuesday, October 15**

7:15-8:30pm Creation Care Adult Education  
Series  
*On Zoom*

**Wednesday, October 16**

11:00am Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, October 17**

10:00am Daily Office

**Friday, October 18**

11:00am Funeral for Gloria Boyd

6:30pm Church on Tap + Dinner Church

**Saturday, October 19**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, October 20**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

*Followed by 9:15am Retreat in Community Hall*

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*In person & Livestreamed*



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