

Christ Church Deer Park

October 6, 2024
The Season of Creation
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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Today we start the Season of Creation by welcoming Dr. Brian Walsh as our guest preacher. Brian is an author, theologian, activist and farmer. He served for almost 25 years as a Christian Reformed campus minister to the University of Toronto, where he founded the Wine Before Breakfast community. He is also co-curator of the website Empire Remixed. Brian has written and co-written numerous books, including *Romans Disarmed: Resisting Empire, Demanding Justice*; *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement*; and, *Truth is Stranger Than It Used To Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age*.

Prelude Largo & Allegro from Organ Concerto in F major, No. 13, "The Cuckoo & the Nightingale" G.F. Handel

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

Opening Hymn #355 v. 1, 2, 3, 7 *(please stand as you are able)*

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:

alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,

alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, tr. William Henry Draper
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

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 God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet, its creatures and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our 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 Ezekiel.

And you, mortal, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say: O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God: Because the enemy said of you, 'Aha!' and, 'The ancient heights have become our possession', therefore prophesy, and say: Thus says the Lord God: Because they made you desolate indeed, and crushed you from all sides, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you became an object of gossip and slander among the people; therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God: Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and the hills, the watercourses and the valleys, the desolate wastes and the deserted towns, which have become a source of plunder and an object of derision to the rest of the nations all around; therefore thus says the Lord God: I am speaking in my hot jealousy against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who, with wholehearted joy and utter contempt, took my land as their possession, because of its pasture, to plunder it. Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and hills, to the watercourses and valleys, Thus says the Lord God: I am speaking in my jealous wrath, because you have suffered the insults of the nations; therefore thus says the Lord God: I swear that the nations that are all around you shall themselves suffer insults. But you, O mountains of Israel,

shall shoot out your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they shall soon come home. See now, I am for you; I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown; and I will multiply your population, the whole house of Israel, all of it; the towns shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt; and I will multiply human beings and animals upon you. They shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. I will lead people upon you—my people Israel—and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance. No longer shall you bereave them of children. Thus says the Lord God: Because they say to you, ‘You devour people, and you bereave your nation of children’, therefore you shall no longer devour people and no longer bereave your nation of children, says the Lord God; and no longer will I let you hear the insults of the nations, no longer shall you bear the disgrace of the peoples; and no longer shall you cause your nation to stumble, says the Lord God.

Ezekiel 36:1-15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33

G. Black

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

All:



Hap - py the peo - ple. cho - sen by God.

Cantor: Rejoice in God, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise God with the harp;
play to the Holy One upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing to God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. *Refrain*

For your work, O God is right,
and all your works are sure.
You love righteousness and justice;
your loving-kindness fills the whole earth. *Refrain*

By your word, O God, were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea. *Refrain*

Let all the earth fear you, O God;
let all who swell in the world stand in awe of you.
For you spoke, and it came to pass;
you commanded, and it stood fast. *Refrain*

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: Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe!

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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.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Luke 19:29-40

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(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)

Leader: Creator God, the freedom and responsibilities we were gifted by you have been abused. We have used domination rather than being stewards of your sacred Creation. Walls are created to keep others out instead of inns where all are welcome. Help us to trust in our identity as your children. Accept our thanks for all people who show in action that indeed your Creation is sacred. God of the universe...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator God, hear us as we cry out to you for peace and justice for the peoples and the land itself. Guide us to a place where sacred water, land and resources are respected and shared by all. As your Word became part of your living creation, teach us to trust in hope that one day soon all may dwell in peace and happiness. May your justice truly course through our lands like an unstoppable flood. God of the universe...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator, we give thanks for Mother Earth and all her abundant life. She protects us and nourishes us. Help us to conserve nature and serve all Creation. Continue to reveal yourself through your sacred creation. Help us to shape ourselves within the warmth of each day and every time we allow new wisdom to guide us and help us grow. God of the universe...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Great Creator, heal and redeem the wounds of your Creation. We know the food which grows from your Creation is meant for all. Help us find ways to bring nourishment to the people and places that seek it. Teach us and show us the way.
God of the universe...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator God of earth, sea, and sky, ignite the sacred fire of your Spirit within us that we may rise up to heal and defend Mother Earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the caring of all your Creation. God of the universe...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speak to us. The summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speak to us. The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars for you speak to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen.

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

Offertory Hymn

Creative God, You Spread the Earth

KINGSFOLD

Cre - a - tive God, you spread the earth with life in man - y forms:
The plan - etteemed with liv - ing things be - fore all hu - man birth,
O play - ful God, you fill the field with lav - en - der and blue.

the deer and elk and col - um - bine, the bee in hum - ming swarms.
and e - ven fire and beasts of prey re - newed the life of earth.
You paint the bird with in - di - go, with red or taw - ny hue.

For - give us for each flow'r and bird now van - ished by our hand.
For - give us, that, the last to come, we threat - en sea and air.
For - give us that we grieve your heart, de - stroy - ing what you do,

Teach us to treat with lov - ing care the crea - tures of the land.
Teach us to tend life's fra - gile web with wise and ten - der care.
and teach us simpl - er, gentl - er ways to live on earth with you.

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Music: English Traditional

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of truth, receive all we offer to you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider **People** **Presider** **People**

May God be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Presider **People**

Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator. It is right to of - fer 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.

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.**

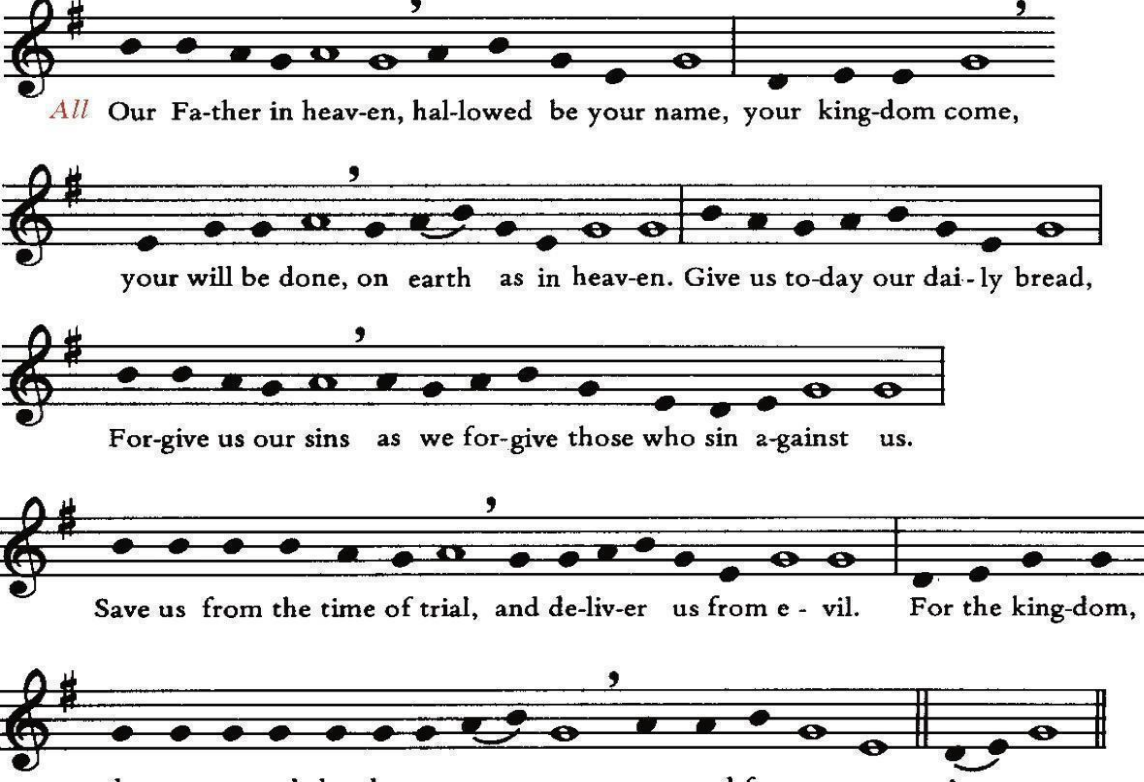
Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All:  A - men! A - men! A - men!

The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

Presider: As our Saviour 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, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei From *A Short Communion Service*

H. Ley

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Motet

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J. Rutter

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

-Cecil Frances Alexander

Communion Hymn

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas --
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

Text: M. D. Babcock
Music: English traditional

Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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: 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 #423

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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Music: Swedish trad; harm. Stuart K. Hine © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust CIO,
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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

Psalm 19 from "*Estro poetico-armonico*" (The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God)

B. Marcello

(transcribed by T. Dubois)

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

Assisting with the Liturgy

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Stephen Drakeford

Preacher:
Brian Walsh

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Stefani Bedin

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Peter Warren

Guest Tenor:
Lucas Kuipers

Reader:
Angela Rees

Prayers:
Su Laine Varkey

Warden on Duty:
Su Laine Varkey

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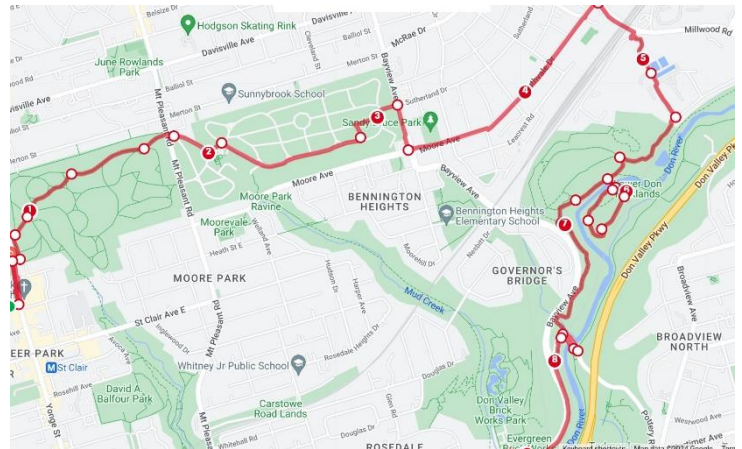
----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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. ~Sandra
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. THANKSGIVING CORNUCOPIA:** We are looking for donations of vegetables to fill the Thanksgiving cornucopia! Please bring your squashes, pumpkins, corn, root vegetables, apples, or pears to the atrium entrance on Wednesday, October 9th (8am-4pm) or Thursday, October 10th (8am-8pm).
- 6. 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 Hope to see you there!
- 7. 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!

8. **JAZZ VESPERS** has *two* Jazz Vespers per month. Our October services are October 13th and 27th at 4:30pm. For more details, please visit our website.
9. **FUNERAL FOR GLORIA BOYD:** With sadness we share the news of Gloria's passing on September 13th. Her funeral will be held at Christ Church on Friday, October 18th at 11am.
10. **CHURCH ON TAP + DINNER CHURCH:** We're combining two of our favourite things! On Friday, October 18th 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

11. 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 or speak to him after the Sunday 10:30 AM worship service.

12.9:15AM RETREAT @ CCDP: Calling everyone who attends or is interested in the 9:15am service! After the 9:15am service on Sunday, October 20th, 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.

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.

14.TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: On September 18th, 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: Plants that rely on specialist pollinators – those with highly adapted relationships to specific plants – may be significantly more affected by seasonal shifts induced by climate change. Solitary native squash bees ... for example, are crucial pollinators of squashes, pumpkins, and gourds in the United States, and primarily collect pollen from plants in the squash family. However, a recent study revealed that squash plants in drought conditions produced fewer seeds, threatening squash plants and the bees that depend on them. “The connections are very direct and limited between specialist bees and the plants they forage on,” said Ed Henry, an ecologist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. If those connections are broken, then “those [specialist bees] are going to be in tremendous danger.” <https://grist.org/food-and-agriculture/plants-and-their-pollinators-are-increasingly-out-of-sync/>

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 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, October 9

11:00am Holy Eucharist

In person

Thursday, October 10

10:00am Daily Office

In person

Sunday, October 13

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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