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September 27, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
A Sung Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you worship with us.



“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”. *1 Corinthians 10:17*

Note about today's instructed Eucharist

Today we will follow our usual pattern of worship and pause to explain the meaning of its different parts. The purpose of this instruction is to help us be more intentional in our worship.

“Eucharist,” also called “Holy Communion,” means “thanksgiving.” It comes from the prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine, which is modeled on ancient Jewish table prayers. Today’s prayer of thanksgiving dates back to a late-fourth century Syrian text, which echoes themes of the oldest known Christian liturgy, the *Didache*, composed some time between 60 CE and the third century. Its key themes are the gifts of life and insight, and the eucharist as a foretaste of the ultimate realization of God’s reign. (See Paul Gibson, *Make Preparation* (ABC Publishing, 2009), p. 55, <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/make-preparation.pdf>)

Please note all hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*, the blue hymnal.

Prelude *Trinitas*, II. "To the thirsty I will give water without price
from the fountain of life" (Rev. 21:6)

Eleanor Daley

Welcome & Gathering

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn – Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

ODE TO JOY

All

1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'n's, adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height; sun and moon, rejoice before Him, praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord! for He has spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed; laws which never shall be broken for their guidance He has made.	3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee; young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n adore Thee; we would bow before Thy throne; as Thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.
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2. Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify His name.

Text: *Anonymous*, 1796

Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven

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 glory. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory 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 Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Presider Creator God, Sunkwiyatisu and Gitchi Manitou, of peace, justice, and concord; open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts, give us the spirit of condolence. Instill in us the Good Mind. Let us seek your justice in a broken world, let us search for understanding in your Creation. Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other. In the self-giving ethic of the Cross, let us be emptied of hatred and apathy, greed and selfishness. Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit, in the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all this. **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 Exodus.

Pauline Thompson

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water

for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' *Exodus 17:1-7, NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Bruce Ford

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



Cantor Hear my teaching, O my people;
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain**

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
 we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds
 and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. **Refrain**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;
 he made the waters stand up like walls. **Refrain**

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. **Refrain**

From Gradual Psalms for the RCL

Listening to God – Second Reading

Pauline Thompson

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-13, NRSV

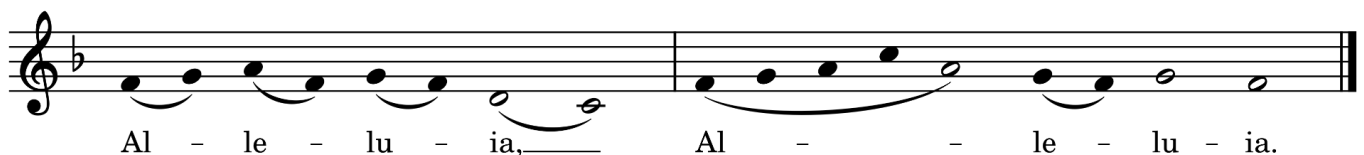
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia

Adapted from Missa de Angelis

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



Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do

these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:23-32, NRSV

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(please be seated)

Parishioner Reflection

Ashita Singh

The Apostles' Creed

(please stand as you are able)

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

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

Prayers of the People

Paul Gooch

Confession and Absolution

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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 stand as you are able)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

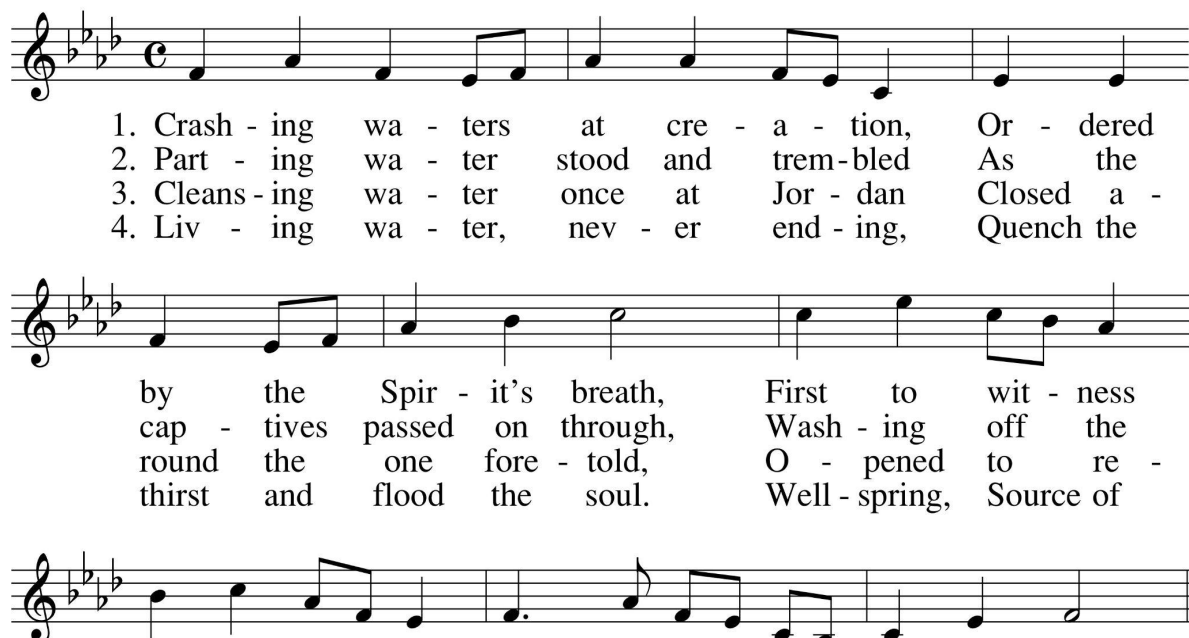
The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Invitation to Offering

We at Christ Church Deer Park give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the local community. We invite you to contribute financially as you can to the life and ministry of the parish, and thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving.

Offertory Hymn – Crashing Waters at Creation

RESTORATION



1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, Or - dered
 2. Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled As the
 3. Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan Closed a -
 4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, Quench the

by the Spir - it's breath, First to wit - ness
 cap - tives passed on through, Wash - ing off the
 round the one fore - told, O - pened to re -
 thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

day's be - gin - ning From the bright - ness of night's death.
 chains of bond - age— Chan - nel to a life made new.
 veal the glo - ry Ev - er new and ev - er old.
 life e - ter - nal, Drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: RESTORATION, 8 7 8 7; *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by George E. Mims, b.1938

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

Priest People Priest People

The Lord be_ with you. And al- so with you. Lift_ up your hearts. We lift_ them to_ the Lord

Priest People

Let us give thanks_ to the Lord our God. It is right_ to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: human you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus - Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

All

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 Blessed 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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, " Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is___ ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Presider Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

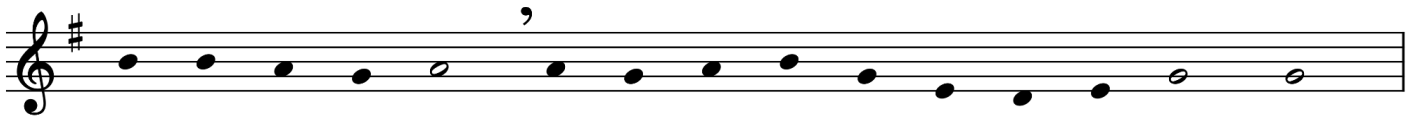
Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



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



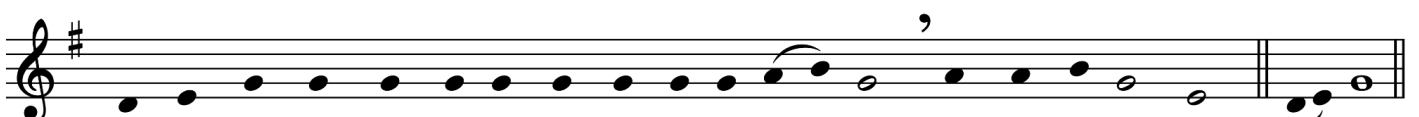
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread,



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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

All Thanks be to God.

(please remain standing)

Agnus Dei – Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

A Note about Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion! Please let the priest know if you require gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come to the priest. You are receiving full communion with the bread alone. If you prefer not to receive the wine, you may acknowledge the chalice by touching the base or simply return to your seat.

(please be seated)

Communion Motet – Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

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

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

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision,
Be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Text: Irish traditional tr. M. Byrne vers. E. Hull

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

(please be seated)

Closing Hymn – Lord of Creation

(please stand as you are able)

SLANE



1. Lord of cre - a - tion, to you be all praise!
2. Lord of all pow - er, I give you my will,
3. Lord of all wis - dom, I give you my mind,
4. Lord of all boun - ty, I give you my heart;
5. Lord of all be - ing I give you my all;



Most might - y your work - ing, most won - drous your ways!
in joy - ful o - be - dience your tasks to ful - fill.
rich truth that sur - pass - es my knowl - edge to find.
I praise and a - dore you for all you im - part.
if e'er I dis - own you, I stum - ble and fall;



Your glo - ry and might are be - yond us to tell,
Your bond - age is free - dom, your ser - vice is song;
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
your love to in - spire me, your coun - sel to guide,
but, led in your ser - vice your word to o - bey,



and yet in the heart of the hum - ble you dwell.
and, held in your keep - ing my weak - ness is strong.
is taught by your Spir - it and shines from your word.
your pres - ence to cheer me, what - ev - er be - tide.
I walk in your free - dom to the end of the way.

Text: Jack Copley Winslow; Music: Irish traditional

Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Trinitas*, III. "I Will Pour Out My Spirit Upon All Flesh"

Eleanor Daley

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Alison Falby

Reflection: Ashita Singh

Deacon: Rev. Christine Lambert

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Eliza-Jane Callander (guest), Ivan Vutev, Peter Warren

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Reader: Pauline Thompson

Prayers of the People: Paul Gooch

Warden on Duty: Paul Kingston

Sidesperson / Greeter: Amy Leung

Welcome Team: Paul Gooch & Pauline Thompson

Refreshments: Sandra Geddes

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Next Week's Worship Preview:

October 4, 2026 at 10:30 am - BCP Service

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Presider: Rev. Alison Falby

FaithWorks Speaker: Maria Reolin

Hymns: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation | All Creatures of Our God and King | This is My Father's World | How Great Thou Art

Choral Anthem: Willcocks - Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

Visitor Information

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Participating in the Offertory

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately \$20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

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In Person

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By Mail

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