



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Anne Krentz, Organ

BIBLE BUNCH

Jump for Joy!

WORD

*God speaks to
us in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

John 15: 9 - 17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear



fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 735

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

LIVING THE VISION

The Good Neighbour Campaign

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

Arranged by Mark Kieswetter

MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.

HYMN

SENDING

ELW 666

"What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Minister
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Jeremy Walker and Toby Jacksteit	Readers
Jim & Wilma Marie Bindernagel	Prayers of the People
Lyndsey Clabby	Mother's Day Message
Angelika Quinn	Sending

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR CAMPAIGN

Your donation to The Good Neighbour Campaign will help us reach neighbours in Etobicoke with an 8-week summer Neighbourhood Table @ Home program for 50 families and 25 seniors. It will include a weekly fresh produce box, a grocery gift card, recipes, and information for healthy eating.

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Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on <http://www.stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/>

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Participate in the worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- Tuesdays join in the Bible Study on Zoom
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.