

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Season of Creation

September 5, 2021



Amid crises that have shaken our world, the global Christian family was awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other during the ecumenical Season of Creation.

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September through 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents join together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation.

More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

GATHERING

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

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

"Blessed Assurance"

Arranged by Gail Smith

WORD

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21: Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven,

and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Light”

Chorus:

We are children, children of the Light

We are shining in the darkness of the night

Hope for this world, joy throughout the land.

Touch the hearts of everyone, take everybody's hand.

Come and gather round the flame, share the light in his name

We the children of the light

As the wind blows where it will, spread the news to everyone

There's still plenty of time, for we have just begun.

Join the song of all the earth, we've a dream a dream to share

And a promise of re-birth

Let the earth feel the warmth of his love here in our hearts

We've still many a dream and promises to keep

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THANKSGIVING

In everything

Give

Thanks.

1 Thessalonians

5:18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider

this is what you want us to learn

not the world's wisdom, but God's

and so we pray:

Awaken us to our need of you in our lives

And you will give us your life

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

And you will make us strong through our tears

Give us the humility to admit our failures

And you will bring treasure out of them

Make us hungry for justice
as we work to eradicate hunger for all
And you will give us food that lasts

Help us to see others through your eyes
that our vision will again and again be yours
And you will show us ourselves with love

Show us how to practise what we preach
And we will see good, and God in everyone

Support us in standing firm for truth and justice, even when it costs
And the truth will also make us free.
Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

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

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arranged by Jay Rouse

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
No Fixed Address	Hymn of the Day
Dr. Bob and Bev Binhammer	The Lord's Prayer

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, Juliet and Paul.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. As the pandemic reshapes how we are church, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

The Good Food Market is Wednesday 4 - 7pm: buy fresh local produce and/or volunteer.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY!

September 12 @ 10 am: Blessing of the Backpacks at in-person worship in the church followed by ice cream on the lawn!

WORSHIP OPTIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 12

We will offer 3 options for worship to ensure safe and accessible worship:

1. Sundays @ 10 am – in-person worship following safety protocols, masks required, no congregational singing, safe distancing, sign-in, etc. See the videos on our website.
2. Sundays @ 10 am – livestreaming of the worship service: watch your email for the link
3. Anytime/anywhere – the 10 am service will be recorded and then posted online for worship