

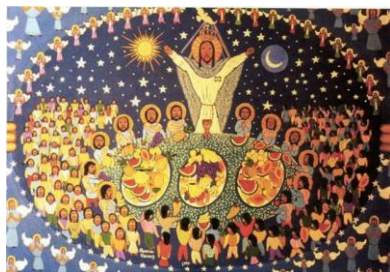
Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart."*

Matthew 11.29



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist

PRELUDE:

Priere a Notre Dame - Boellmann

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Here in This Place

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.)

Celebrant: 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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA:

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in

**all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Stephen Kern

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Hortense Anglin

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (13: 1-8, 15-16)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *full text found on screen and in BAS pg. 814*

Cantor: Oh, that my people would listen to me, and walk in my ways!

THE GOSPEL:

In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Cantor: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart."

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Gospeler: The †Holy Gospel of our †Lord Jesus Christ †according to Luke.

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

GOSPELER:*Jo Anne Carlisle*

✠ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (14: 1, 7-14)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON:*The Rev. Stephen Kern*

Please stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: 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 be seated.

PRAYER SONG*Give Me Jesus v. 1-2**(Worship #770)*

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have **†**mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you with all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

***All:* and also with you.**

*You are invited to greet your neighbour saying: "Peace" or "Peace be with you."
You may wave, bow or flash the peace sign.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy* 631

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,**

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: 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.

AGNUS DEI:

All: 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All: Thanks be to God.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ. Let us pray.

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You anew into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

You Are Salt for the Earth

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THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve the world God loves! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Concerto del sign Vivaldi - Walther

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TODAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, if the beginning of sin is pride, then let me walk in your ways and to your glory this day, rather than to my own. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you are my helper; therefore I will not be afraid, for you are ever with me. Amen.

(from Feasting on the Word, Year C, Vol.2)

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

- Sept 1** Season of Creation Begins
- Sept 6** Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm on Zoom – *please see the Friday newsletter for the new zoom link*
- Sept 7** 13th Sunday after Pentecost & Blessing of the Backpacks, The Rev. Stephen Kern preaching 10:00 am
- Sept 9** Fall Drama Programs Start
- AND BEYOND...**
- Sept 14** Holy Cross Day & Welcome Back BBQ, The Rev. Stephen Kern preaching 10:00 am
- Sept 28** 15th Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Ajith Varghese preaching 10:00 am
- Oct 5** 16th Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Lorraine Runza preaching 10:00 am followed by the Annual Cemetery Service

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