

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REV. STEPHEN & DR. ANNE KERN'S LAST SUNDAY

"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us." Ephesians 1.17, 18

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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



PRELUDE *Come all you people/Uyai Mose* *Sing a New Creation 16*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me v.1, 2, 4, 5* *CP 430*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Leader: 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 THE 14TH 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.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Romans 12: 9-21

Laura Pavamani

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 45c

Cantor: Rose Cao

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant.

As you are able, please stand.

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: “May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.”

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 Matthew.

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

GOSPELER *Matthew 16: 21-28*

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Ajith Varghese

As you are able, please stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG *You Call Us, Lord, to Be v. 1-2*

CP 450

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gail Dickie

Petition: Thanks be to God. ***Response:* Praise to Your Kingdom on earth.**

As you are able, 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."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *For Everyone Born v. 1-5* *TLUS 23*

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is

shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share In these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: 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: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

AGNUS DEI

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord for Communion or a blessing.

As the sides-people direct, move forward to receive Holy Communion around the platform.

Signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If you prefer, we can serve Communion in your pew, just let the sides people know.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Church, we have friends worshipping online or others who may not be able to receive Communion today.
Let us pray together in solidarity to receive Christ anew in spiritual communion.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Faithful One* *The Source 89*
Beauty for Brokenness v. 1-5 *The Source 37*

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Welcome Table by Alec Tilley*

LITURGY OF ENDING *May 15, 2011 to August 30, 2026*

Celebrant: On June 21, 2011 we shared together in service of celebration of a new ministry. I give thanks for the life we have shared in Christ. It is also time for me to move on to the next chapter in my spiritual journey on which the Lord is leading me. Anne and I have found our time together with you deeply rewarding, and memories of what we have shared will always remain precious and meaningful.

People: **The Lord is loving to everyone: God's compassion is over all God's works. All your works praise you, O Lord, And your faithful servants bless you.** (*Psalm 145:9-10*)

Celebrant: Dear friends, you have allowed me to share the responsibilities of the ordained ministry in your midst. It is time for me to return to you symbols of my priestly ministry which you have lent me.

I have tried to proclaim the Word of God faithfully among you. Here is the Bible, the fountain from which flows the preaching ministry.

The Bible is given to a warden.

People: **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.** (*Psalm 119:105*)

Celebrant: Bread and Wine are the means by which we receive Christ, the means by which we offer ourselves to Christ and are united one with another in the mystical body of Christ.

The Chalice and Paten are given to a warden.

- People:* **Taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they who trust in the God!**
- Celebrant:* This building is a sign of God's kingdom, a light on the hill, a safe place for all to gather. Here is the key to this beautiful place of worship that you have entrusted to me.
The key is giving to a warden.
- People:* **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**
(Eph 2:10)
- Celebrant:* Corporate Prayer, worship and service are primary means by which our relationship with God and other Christians grows, deepens, and strengthens. Here are the vestments which symbolize my role as chief liturgical officer.
Vestments are giving to a lay leader.
- People:* **Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You!** *(Psalm 67:5)*
- Celebrant:* O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.
Silence
We thank you for your patience with us as we brought together in service our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents.
Silence
Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.
Silence
We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism and confirmation. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.
Silence
Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

YOUTH DRAMA

Farewell to Stephen from Blazing Lights and Shooting Stars

Script and Lyrics by Carlynn Reed / Music by Kirk Reed / Props by Joanna Olan

As you are able, 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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: And now it is time for me to go forth having restored to you the signs of office which you loaned me. I ask that in your love and commitment, you send Anne and I forth with a going away blessing.

People: **With thanksgiving for our years together, we commit you to God's unfailing mercy and love. The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace both this day and forever. Amen**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The Trees of the Field

CP 662

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Minor, by J.S. Bach

MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY
Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Kern; Preacher: The Rev. Ajith Varghese, Deacon: The Rev. Lorraine Runza; Organist: Kevin Parks; Bassist: Barrett Lindsay-Botten; Cantor: Rose Cao; Reader: Laura Pavamani; Bread: The Rev. Stephen Kern, The Rev. Ajith Varghese; Chalice: Rev. Lorraine Runza, Carol Dykeman, Amber Dykeman; Prayers: Gail Dickie; Youth Drama: Tochi, Timi, Tomi, Mielle, Kori, Gabby, Savannah, Lyon, Caitlyn, Alexis, Hannah, Cassie, Johnathan; Video/Sound: Dapo Oladeji; Greeters: Katherine Corbett, Ivor Pavamani; Sunday School: Avani Rutnam; Warden

on Duty: Claudette Rawlins, Connalyn Willoughby, Suku Navaratnam;
Chancel Guild: Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke;
Counters: Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Parish Selection Committee Prayer

Heavenly Father, as Fr. Stephen journeys towards his retirement, we give thanks for his many years of Ministry to the church. We give thanks for the community of St. Philip's on-the-hill and for bringing us together to serve you and our church family. Give us wisdom, patience, understanding and open our hearts to listen for the leading of the Spirit. In your name we pray. Amen

Household Prayer: Morning

God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all. Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to love you, O God, with our whole heart, mind, and strength. In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, because you have been with us this day, we have stood on holy ground. Thank you. We know that you will remain with us through this night. Thank you. We know that you will be with us again tomorrow. Thank you. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

(from Feasting

on the Word, Year A, Vol.2)

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

- Aug 31** Rev. Stephen's last day
- Sep 1** Rev. Martha's first day
- Sep 5** 5:00 pm Evening Prayer with Kevin Parks
- Sep 6** 10:00 am 15th Sunday after Pentecost – The Rev. Martha Gordon Celebrating and Preaching

And beyond...

- Sep 7** Labour Day – the office will be closed
- Sep 10** Start of Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am and Women's Bible Study at 10:00 am
- Sep 13** Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sep 15** Start of Fall Drama and Youth programs
- Sep 16** 7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study – details TBD

Sep 30 Orange Shirt Day
Oct 24 Get ready to kick up your heels at the SPOTH Hoedown!

For Everyone Born Then Let Us Sing #23

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators
 of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
 yes, God will delight when we are creators
 of justice, justice and joy.

For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *[Refrain]*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. *[Refrain]*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, *[Refrain]*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. *[Refrain]*

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Faithful One The Source #89

Faithful one, so unchanging,
ageless one, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again,
I call out to you again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is
the anchor, my hope is in you alone.

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Beauty for Brokenness

The Source #37

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Refrain: God of the poor, friend of the weak,
 give us compassion, we pray,
 melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
 Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need. *(Refrain)*

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise. *(Refrain)*

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Registration for SPOTH 2026-27 Fall Drama & Youth Programs

The Summer is moving along with the warm temperatures, sunshine, and rain that supports the season's abundance – gifts from God. May we continue to enjoy the golden rays and days while we follow His path into the Labour Day Weekend.

We will soon see and feel the fall season on its way signaling our Back-to-School routines and the start of our Youth Programs with crisper mornings, warmer days, cooler nights, crunchy apples, and colourful leaves reminding us of the bountiful harvest from the earth given by the Almighty.

Fall Drama and Youth Programs: Please join us beginning on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, for the new year which will conclude on Tuesday, December 1. There are 2 Youth Sundays scheduled; October 25 and December 6 and we can't wait to see what they do!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Please save the date and join us on **September 13, 2026**, for the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and the start of the 2026-27 Educational Year. We wish you and your family all the very best as we embark on our first days of Back-to-School! Please bring your child's Backpack to the Service, where we will bless you, your child(ren), and their school bags.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY – SEPTEMBER 30

Where can I buy an orange shirt?

The Native Arts Society
<https://nativeartssociety.bigcartel.com/product/every-child-matters-shirt>

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
<https://thecedarbasket.ca/collections/orange-shirts>

Resist Clothing
<https://resistclothing.ca/collections/orange-shirt-day>

Indigenous Marketing Solutions
<https://shop.indigenousmarketing.ca/collections/orange-collection>

An orange t-shirt is shown with the text "September 30, 2026" printed on it in black.



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