

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEASON OF CREATION

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

~ORANGE SHIRT DAY~

*"Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and
righteousness abide in the fruitful field."*

Isaiah 32:16



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE: *Senzi ma/What Have We Done & Hey ney yana* SNC 51 & 166

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works* CP 407

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 TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Martha Gordon

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Lou Gizzarelli

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78: 1-4, 12-16

Cantor: Our God split the rocks and gave them drink.

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: "Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field."

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 taken from the First Nations version of the New Testament.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPELER:

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON:

The Rev. Martha Gordon

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

Senzeni na/What have We Done

SNC 51

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Shannon Haverstock

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: **teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.** We confess that we have misused your earth: **grant us amendment of life.** We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: **strengthen us in self-control.** We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: **make us urgent now for its protection.**

Celebrant: Almighty God forgive and renew 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: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ 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: *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* CP 292

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: 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.**

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: It is right in all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise. We praise you here at these headwaters of the Rouge River, at the joining of Berczy Creek and Bruce Creek, where nature and village are side by side. We praise you at a time when the waters run unclean and the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, fields and farms, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of Cedars and listened to Ravens.

Together with Angels and Ancestors, with Heron and Bass, Sumac and Sugar Maple, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

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: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,

he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our CREATOR 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 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: 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 HYMNS: *As Longs the Heart v. 1-3* *CP 541*
 Wade in the Water v. 1-3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Creator 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.

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

Celebrant: God the Creator, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: God the Redeemer, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: God the Sanctifier, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *For the Healing of the Nations v. 1-4* *CP 576*

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Trillium by Beverley McKiver*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Deacon & Gospeller:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Reader:** Lou Gizzarelli; **Bread:** The Rev. Martha Gordon, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Hortense Anglin, Shannon Haverstock; **Prayers:** Shannon Haverstock; **Video/Sound:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese; **Warden on Duty:** Claudette Rawlins; **Chancel Guild:** Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke; **Counters:** Agatha McPhee, Joanne Millett

TODAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honour, and glory is yours. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, thank you for providing for my needs. Thank you for always being with me. Keep me through the night and put a song of praise on my lips when I rise again. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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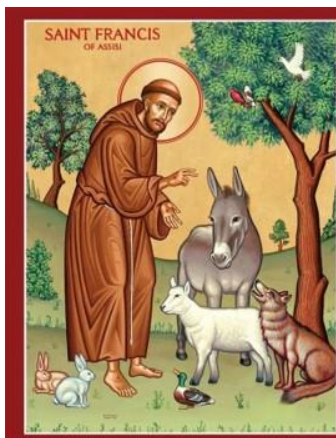
THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

- Sep 29** 4:30 pm Fall Youth Drama program
Sep 30 Orange Shirt Day – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study
Oct 1 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Oct 3 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Oct 4 10:00 am 19th after Pentecost – St. Francis Sunday with Blessing of the Animals – The Rev. Martha Celebrating and preaching. St. Philip's Annual Cemetery Service following the

10:00 am service.

And beyond...

- Oct 11** 10:00 am 20th after Pentecost – Harvest Thanksgiving with Rev. Ajith Varghese Celebrating and Preaching
- Oct 24** SAVE THE DATE and get ready to kick up your heels at the SPOTH Hoedown!
- Nov 21** SAVE THE DATE – St. Philip's Christmas Gala...new this year: GALA LUNCHEON starting at 12 pm – tickets on sale soon!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis loved all creatures and so do we! We invite you to bring your pets to church on October 4 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals.

Please ensure your pets are on a leash or safely in a carrier.

THANKSGIVING DONATION

The Chancel Guild is once again asking for your generosity to help the staff of Yellow Brick House prepare Thanksgiving dinner for their residents. Donations can be made by E-transfer or by clicking “GIVE” on SPOTH website – make sure you include “Yellow Brick House” in the notes. If you prefer, cash or cheque donations can be made in the offertory plate, by mail or hand delivered to the office no later than **Sunday, October 4, 2026***, so that they will receive our donation in time for Thanksgiving. Kindly mark ‘YELLOW BRICK HOUSE’ on the envelope. They will also accept gift cards to Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart or Longo’s. Your generosity will be a blessing to all.

~ Carol Dykeman, on behalf of the Chancel Guild

**Note: Donations received after October 4 will be directed to FaithWorks.*



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