Sunday October 11th 2026
St. George's Anglican Church

Our Mission

To be a diverse ministering community
making Christ's presence known in the world around us.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath
Rev'd Patty McKenna

Call to Worship: *(standing)*

The earth is the Lord's; **And all that is upon it**
Created and creative things; Fruit and Fruitfulness
Springtime and Summer; Seedtime and harvest
For the promise of harvest contained within a seed: **we thank you.**
For the oak tree within an acorn, the bread within a grain, the apple within a seed, the mystery of nature gift wrapped for us to sow: **we thank you.**
We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset: **we give our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed.**

And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by Spring's first touch. **Amen**

God be with you **And also with you**
Let us pray

Collect for Purity:

Almighty God: **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.**

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken (CP#3)

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

The Collect for Thanksgiving:

Creator God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our pattern and our purpose, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer for Illumination:

Creator God, we come to you having heard creation groaning in despair. Speak to us through your holy word that with insight and compassion we may care for all creation and change the fate of our planet. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (8:7-18)
(After the reading)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (65):

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy.
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy. Amen

The Gospel: God be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke (17:11-19)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
(After the reading) The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A Creation Creed:

We have faith in one God, one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth, who created all things good.

And we have faith in Christ, in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity to bear God's likeness in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers, in working with these powers for the wellbeing of life on Earth.

And we have faith in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate life- style. So that the Earth is inherited in peace,
her life is transformed for all creatures and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. We respond to the petition, 'Lord in your mercy' *with,* **'hear our prayer***.*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation:
Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.

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 taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

May the loving God of creation forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

Celebrations:

We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exchanging of the Peace:

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.
Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Onward Through the Darkness

Onward through the darkness, through the still of night;
Mercy and compassion -- Lead us to the light.
We stand firm for justice Blazing bright as day.
Following His footsteps we will find the way.
Onward through the darkness, through the still of night;
Mercy and compassion -- Lead us to the light.

There are some with heavy hearts; Some in fear and pain,
Some who think they'll never, love or hope again.
They're the ones we search for; they're the ones we hold;
They're the ones we fight for; Spirit makes us bold:
Onward through the darkness, through the still of night;
Mercy and compassion -- Lead us to the light.

If we are a beacon: light for those who seek;
If we are a tower: strength to bear the weak;
If we are a river: peace to soothe and heal;
We are love in action, We make His world real.
Onward through the darkness, through the still of night;
Mercy and compassion -- Lead us to the light.

We are flesh and body -- Moving through this world;
We are sacred spirits – with our Wings still furled.
Spirit is what binds us -- To what is and was.
Loving that connection Is our sacred cause.
Onward through the darkness, through the still of night;
Mercy and compassion -- Lead us to the light.

Prayer over the Gifts:

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our concern for those in need, including all our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation

May God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with myriad wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption.

Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

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.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth; and he gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, work of our human hands, gift of our earth; and he gave thanks to God. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

Send your life-giving Spirit -- who first moved upon the waters of the deep --upon us, and upon this bread and upon this wine, that we may be transformed and become agents to transform our world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as Christ has taught us, let us pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

Music at Communion: One Bread, One Body

Announcements:

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

Closing Prayers: *Standing, let us return our thanks to God.*

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. **Amen.**

Glory to God: **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:

Go now in peace, remembering that healing often comes in the margins, and gratitude opens the door to deeper wholeness. May you recognize Christ in the stranger, grace in the unexpected, and the Spirit in every act of mercy. And may the blessing of God— Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit— be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: This is my Father's World

This is my Father's world; And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -- His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declares their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done.
Jesus who died, shall be satisfied; and earth and heav'n be one!

Dismissal:

Let us go out as people open to the way of the Christ -- walking in the footsteps of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements:

What Do We Need to Know?
Separate "announcements" sheet available at back of church

Next Sunday's Readings: Ex 33:12-23; Ps 99; 1 Th 1:1-10; Mt 22:15-22

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